Text: Sophocles

Antigone

Prologue

PIANO SCORE

♩ = 80-84

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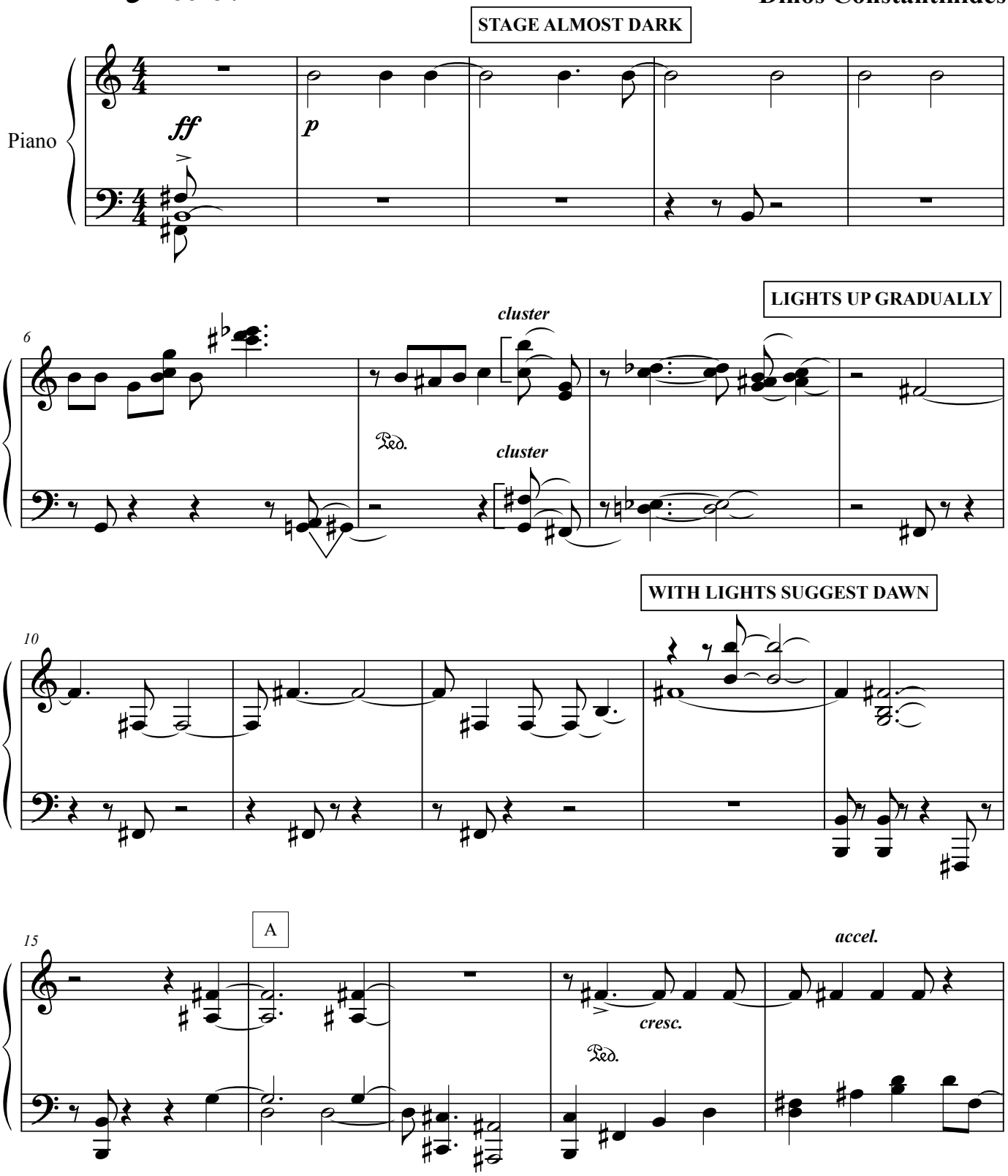

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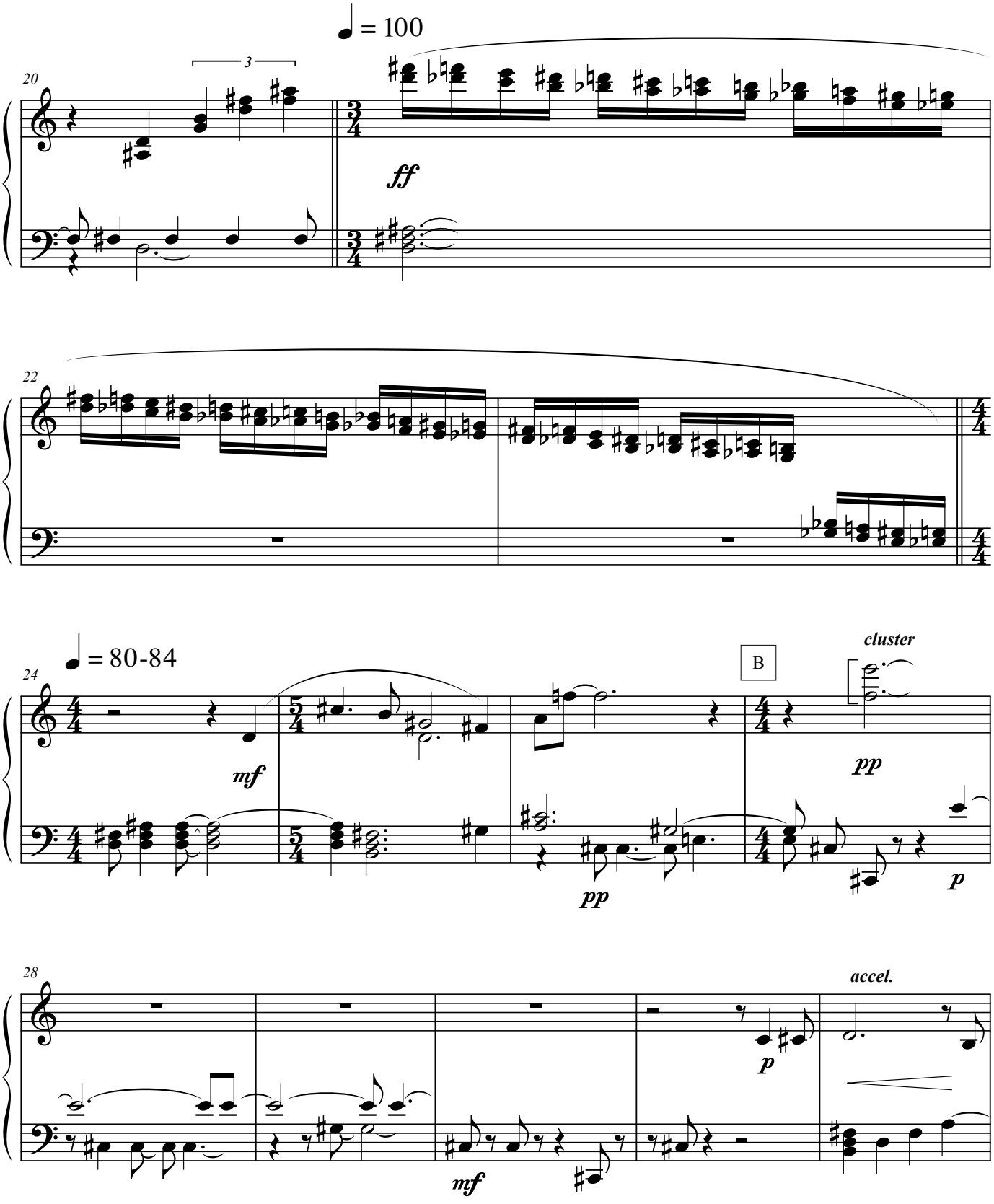
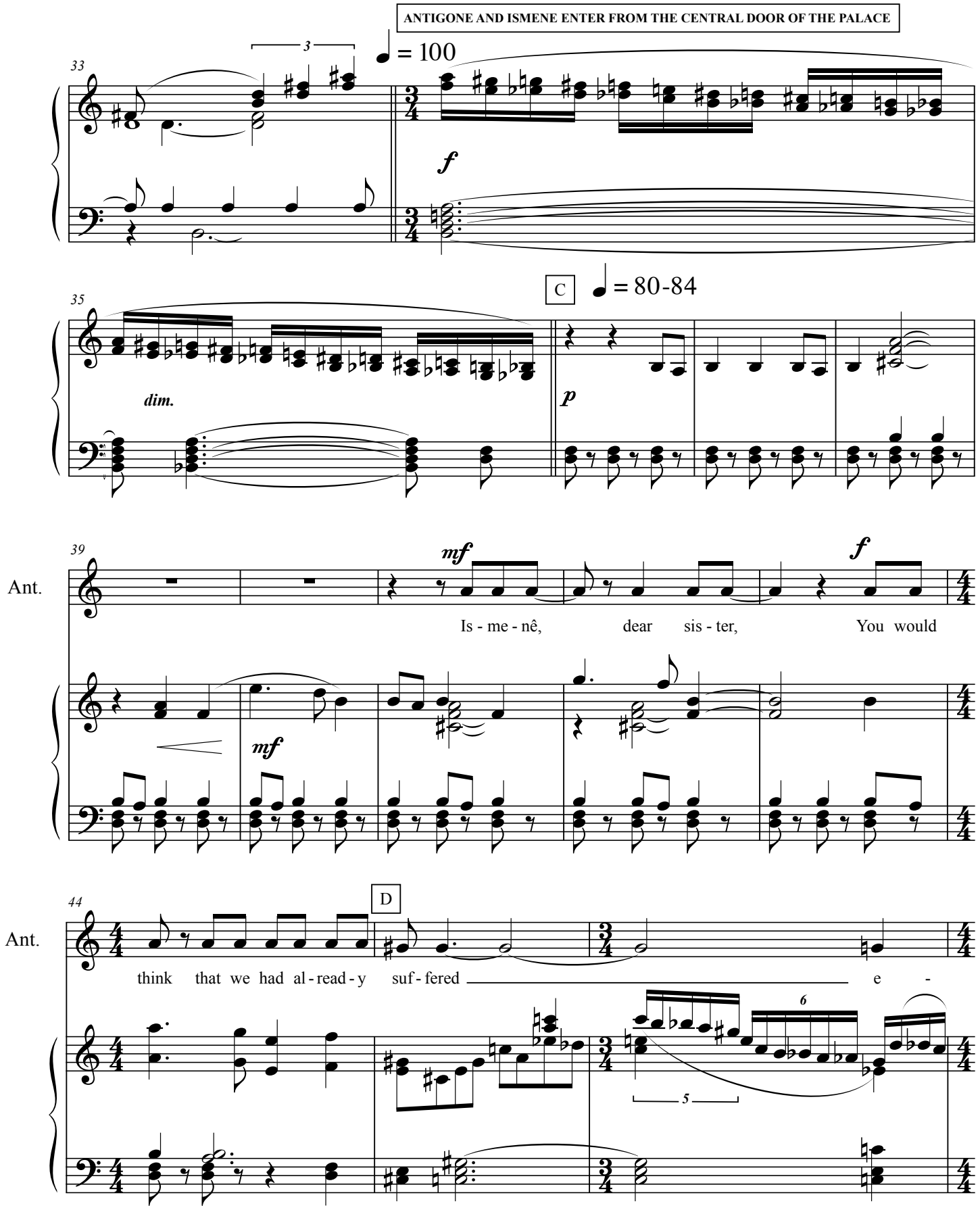
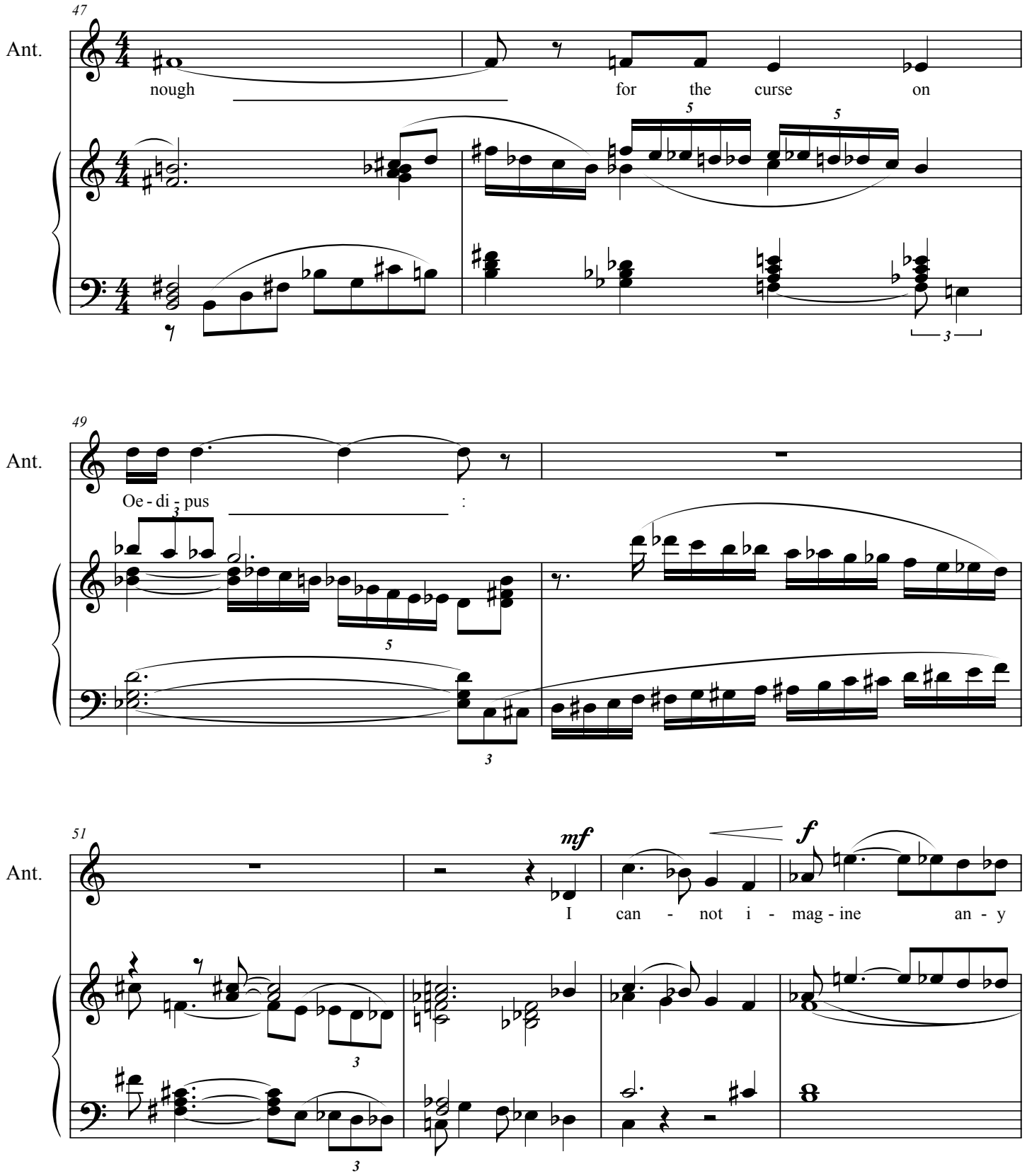
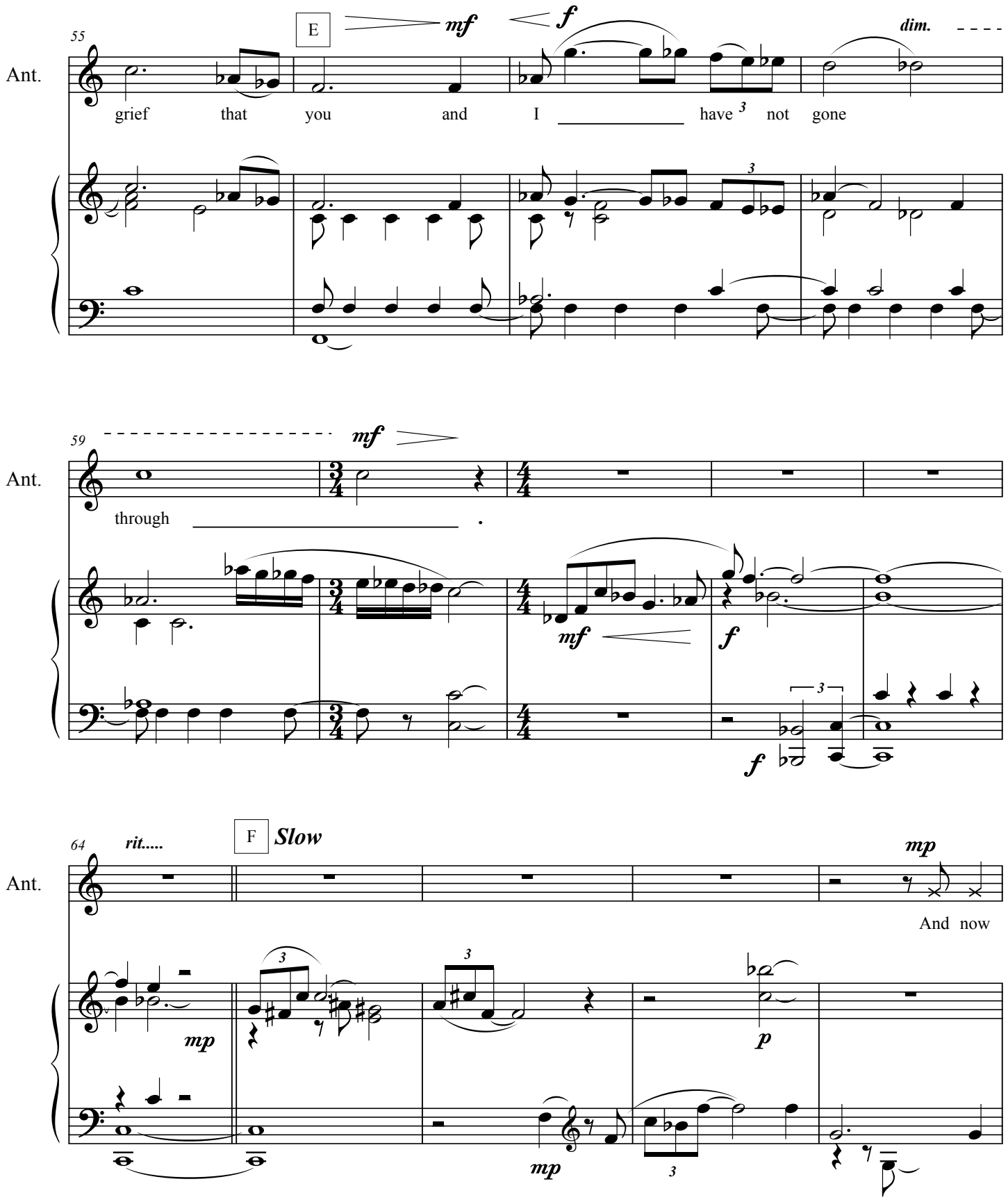
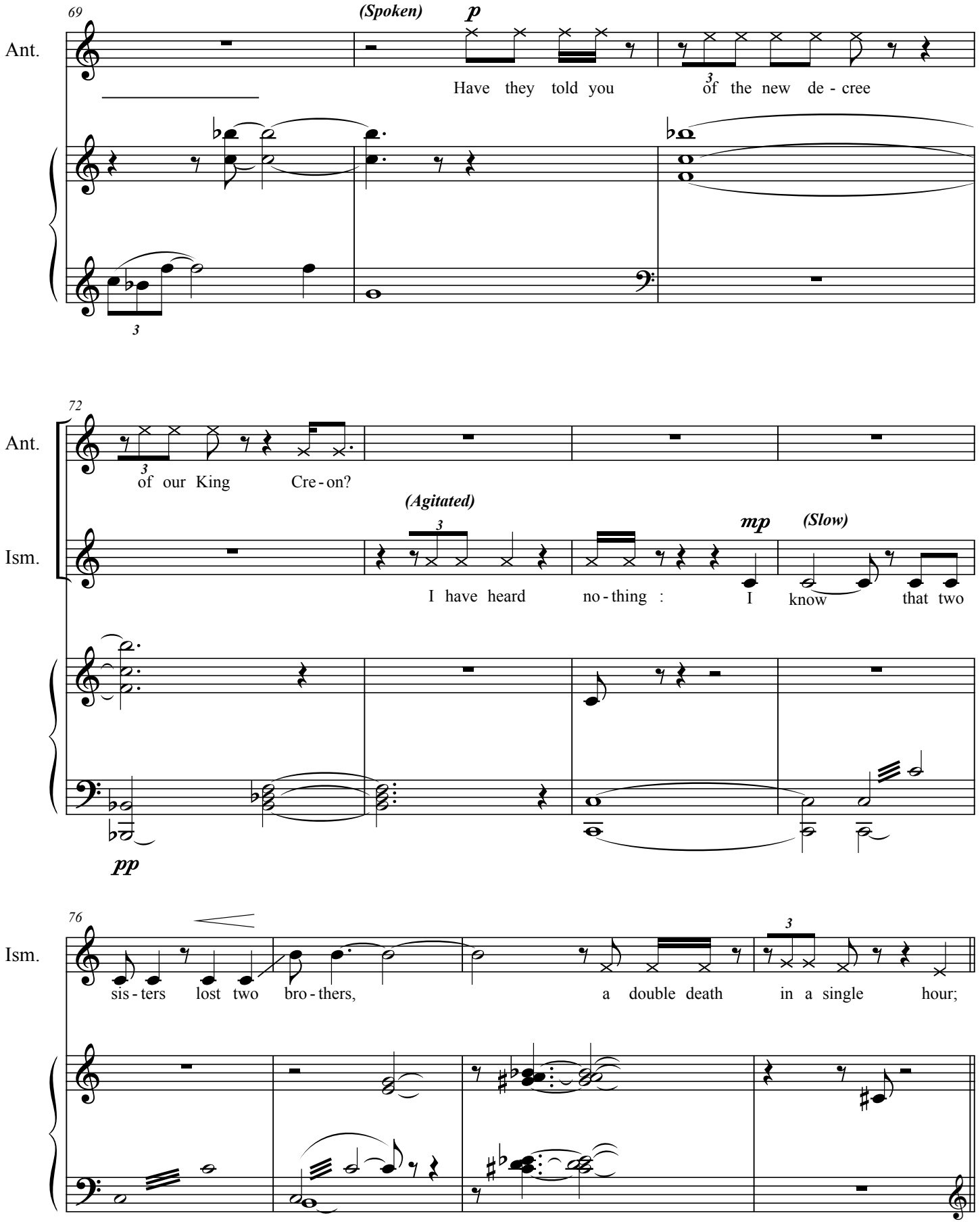
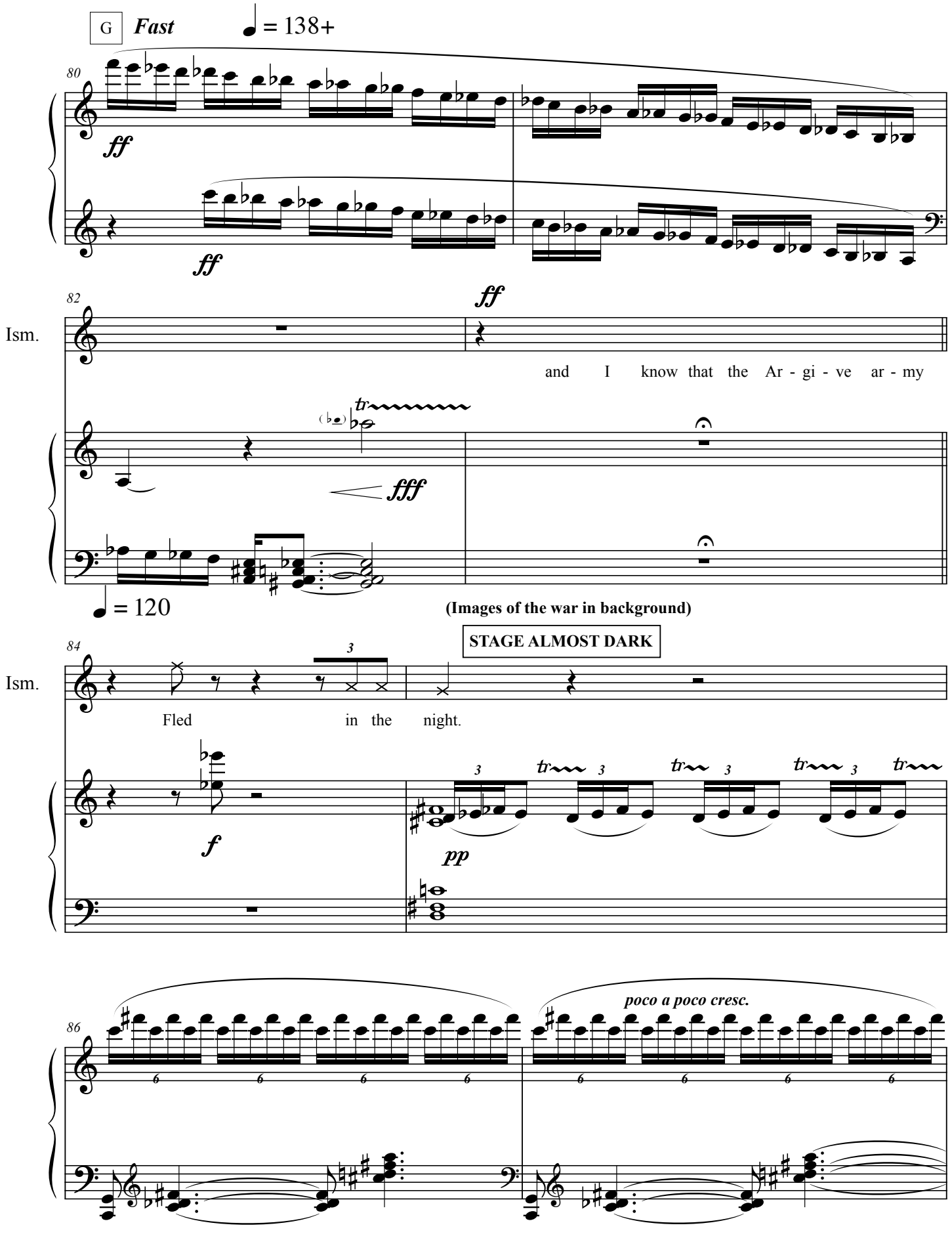

♩ = 100
20
3
ff
22
♩ = 80-84
24
mf
B
cluster
pp
pp
p
28
mf
p
accel.

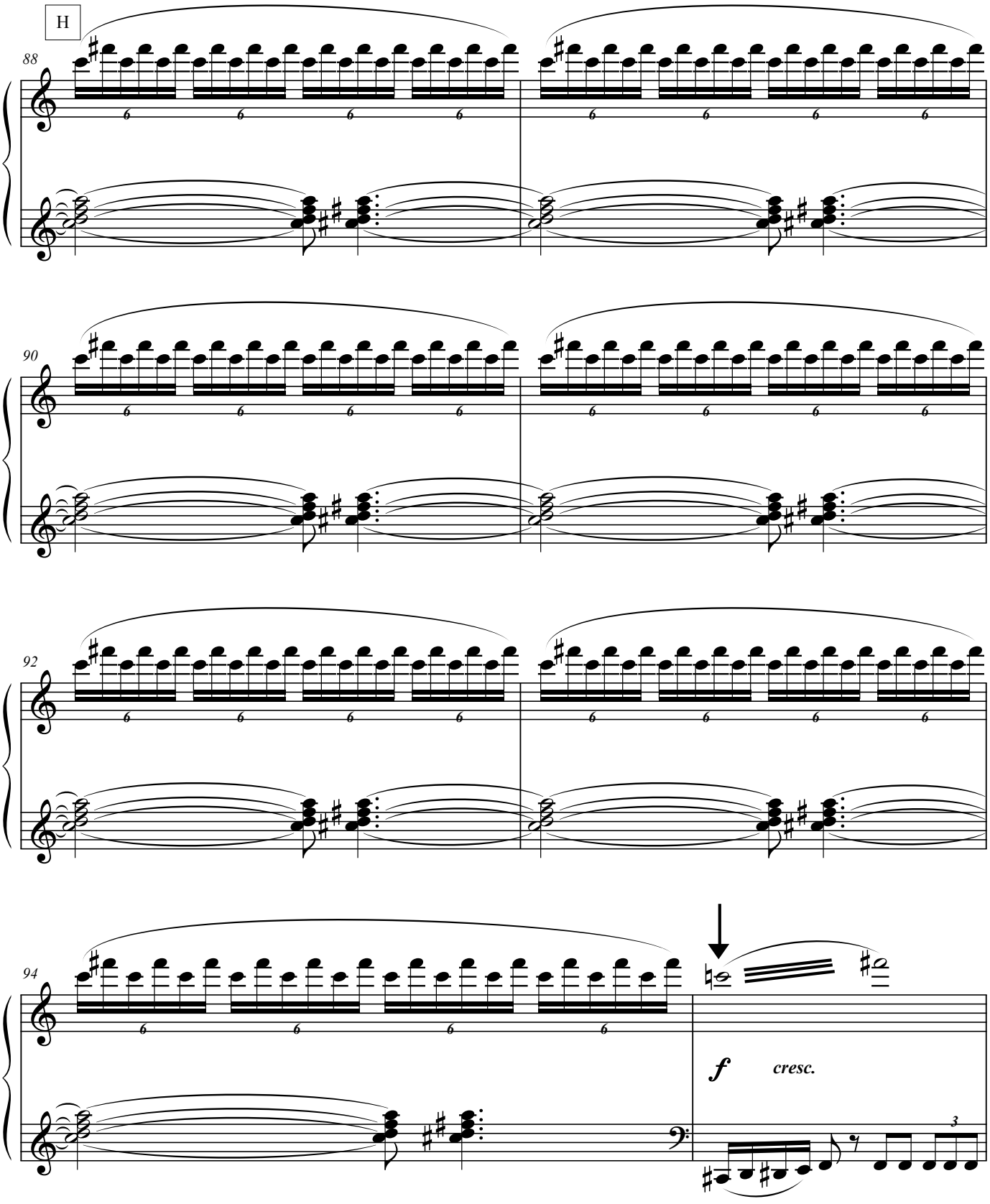

ANTIGONE AND ISMENE ENTER FROM THE CENTRAL DOOR OF THE PALACE
33
3
♩ = 100
f
35
C
♩ = 80-84
dim.
p
39
Ant.
mf
f
Is - me - nê, dear sis - ter, You would
mf
44
Ant.
D
think that we had al - read - y suf - fered e -
6
5


47
Ant.
nough
for the curse on
49
Ant.
Oe - di - pus :
51
Ant.
mf
f
I can - not i - mag - ine an - y


55
E
mf
f
dim.
Ant.
grief that you and I have not gone
59
mf
Ant.
through
mf
f
f
64
rit.....
F
Slow
mp
Ant.
And now
mp
p
mp


69
(Spoken)
p
Ant.
Have they told you of the new de - cree
72
Ant.
of our King Cre - on?
(Agitated)
mp
(Slow)
Ism.
I have heard no - thing : I know that two
pp
76
Ism.
sis - ters lost two bro - thers, a double death in a single hour;


G
Fast
= 138+
80
ff
ff
82
ff
Ism.
and I know that the Ar - gi - ve ar - my
tr
fff
= 120
(Images of the war in background)
STAGE ALMOST DARK
84
Ism.
Fled in the night.
f
pp
tr
poco a poco cresc.
86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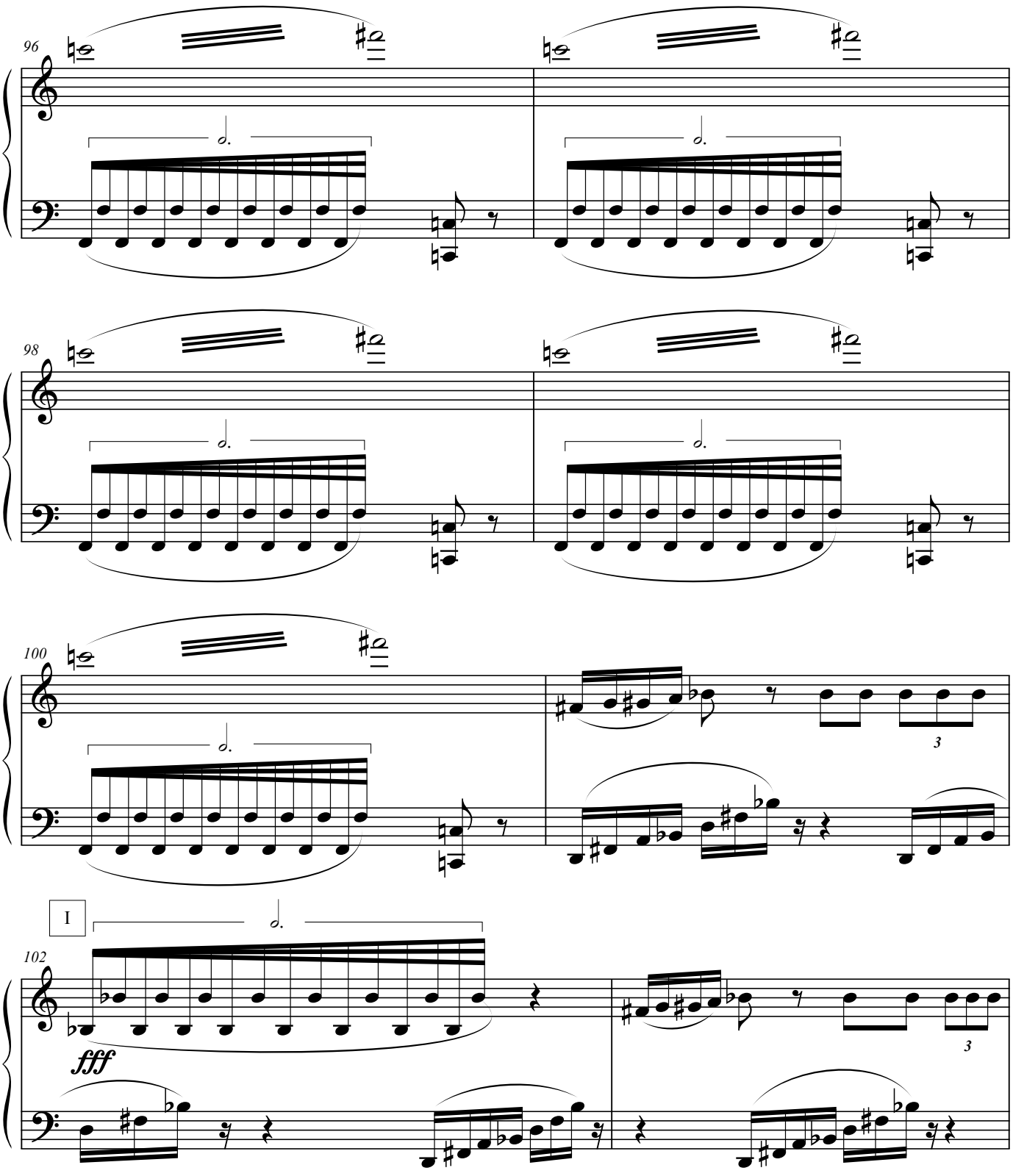
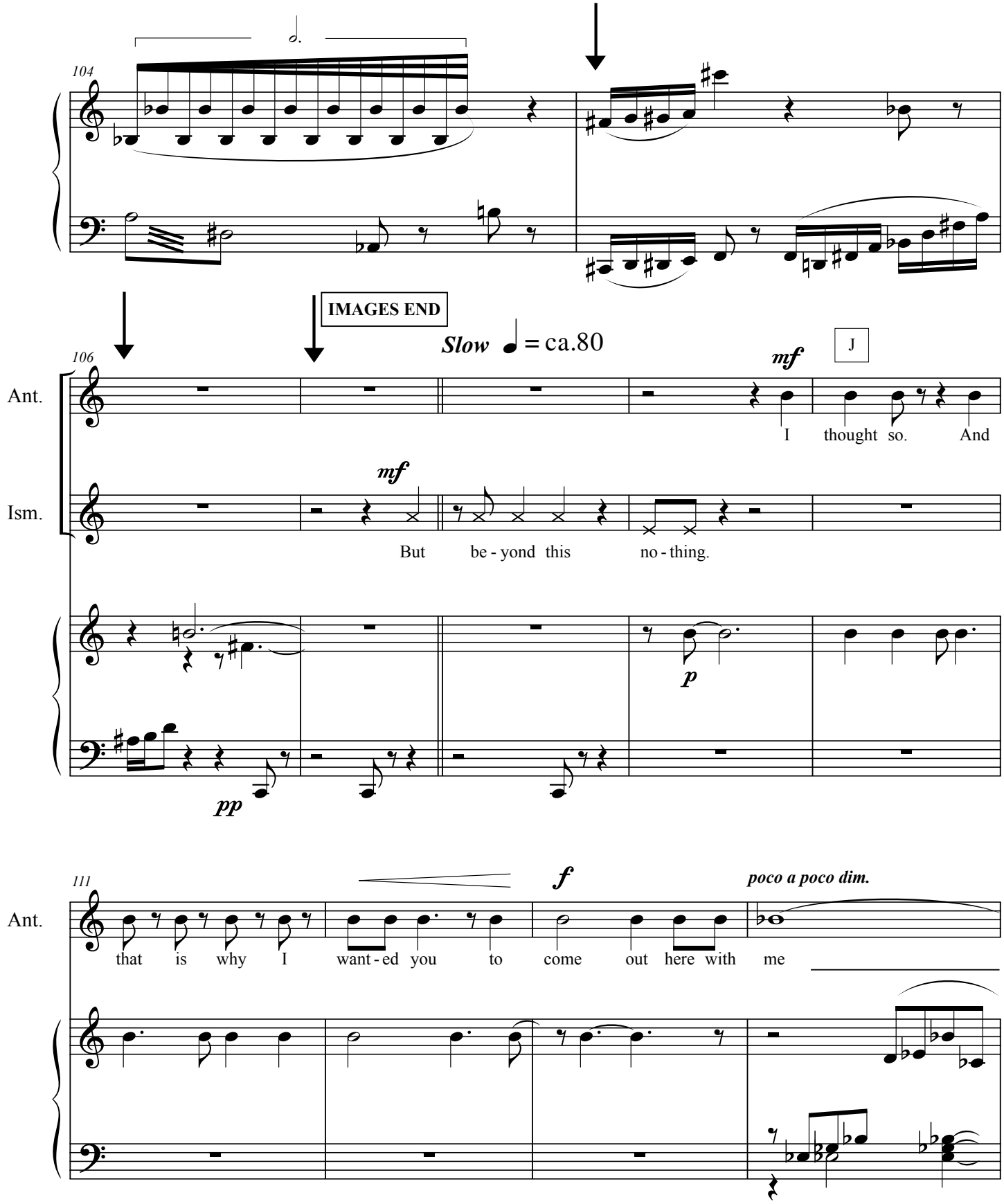
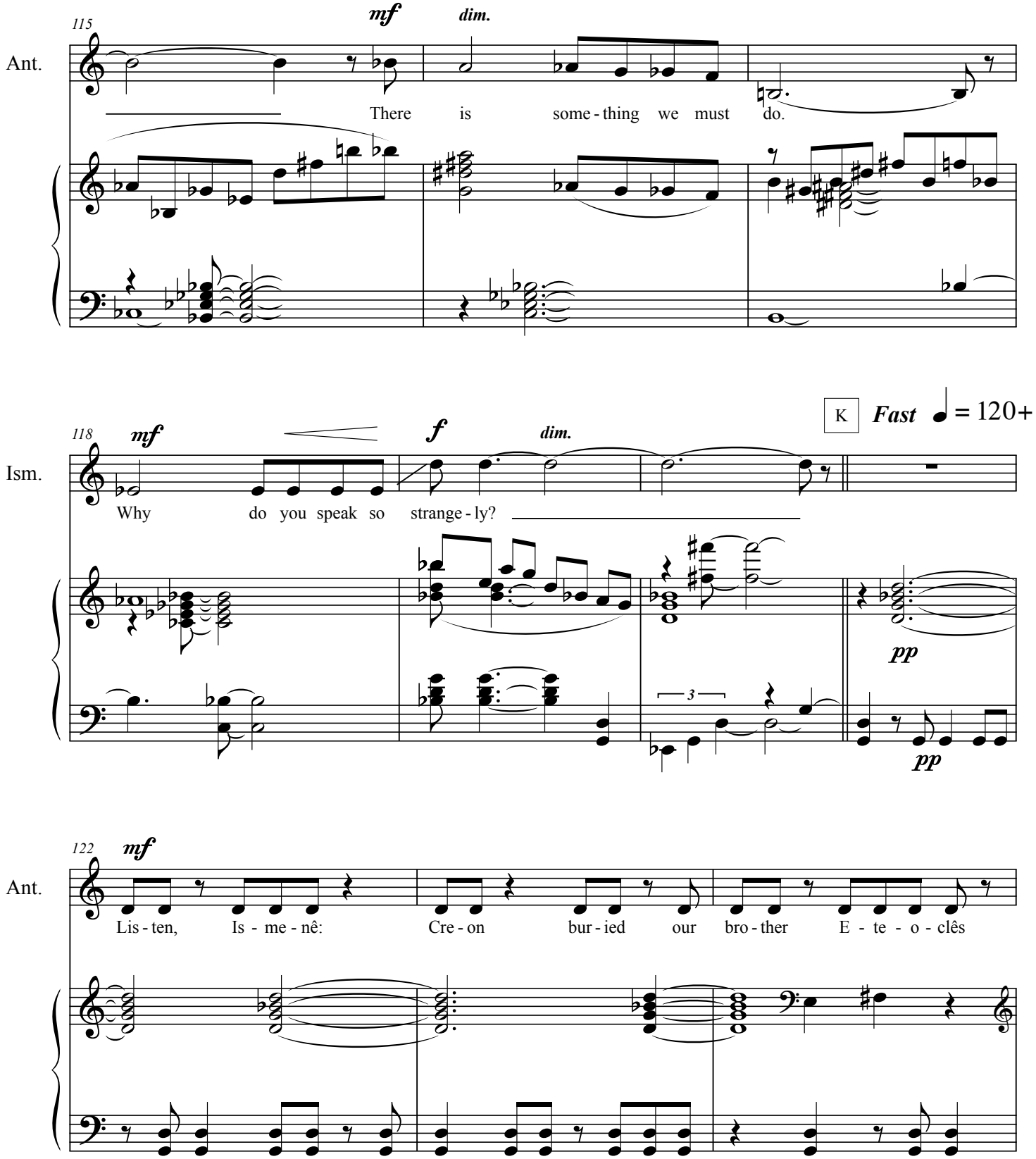
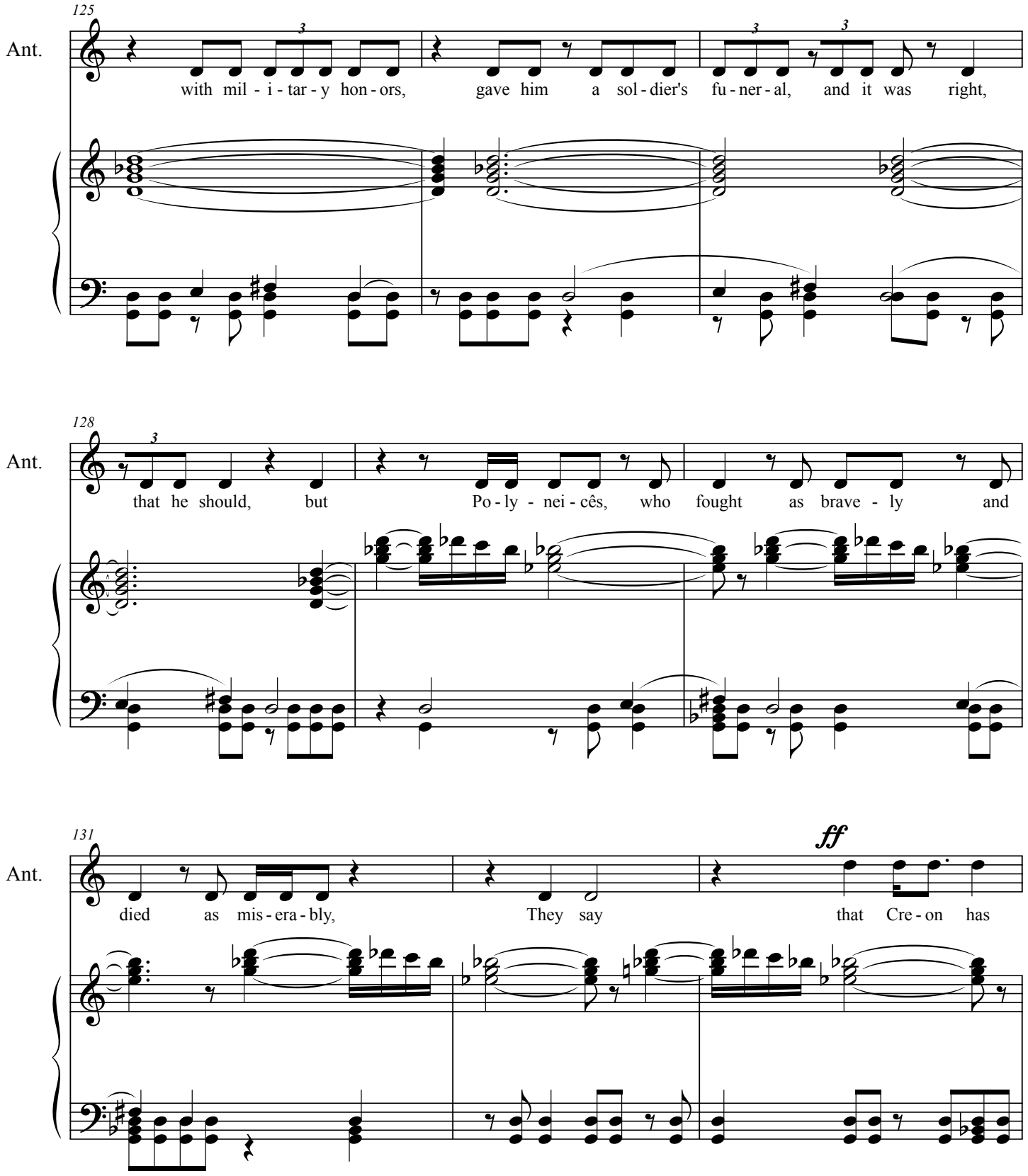
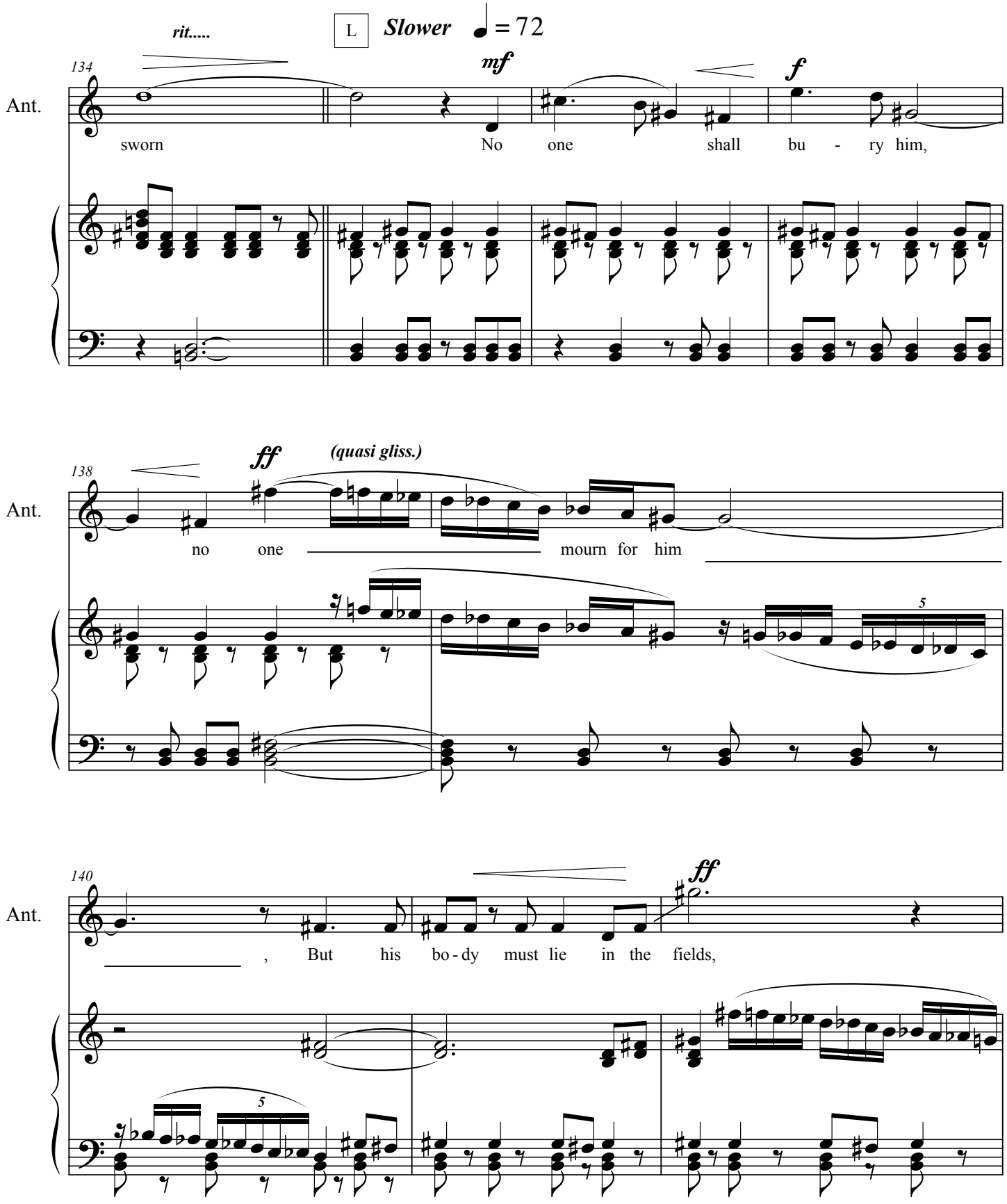
88
90
92
94
f
cresc.

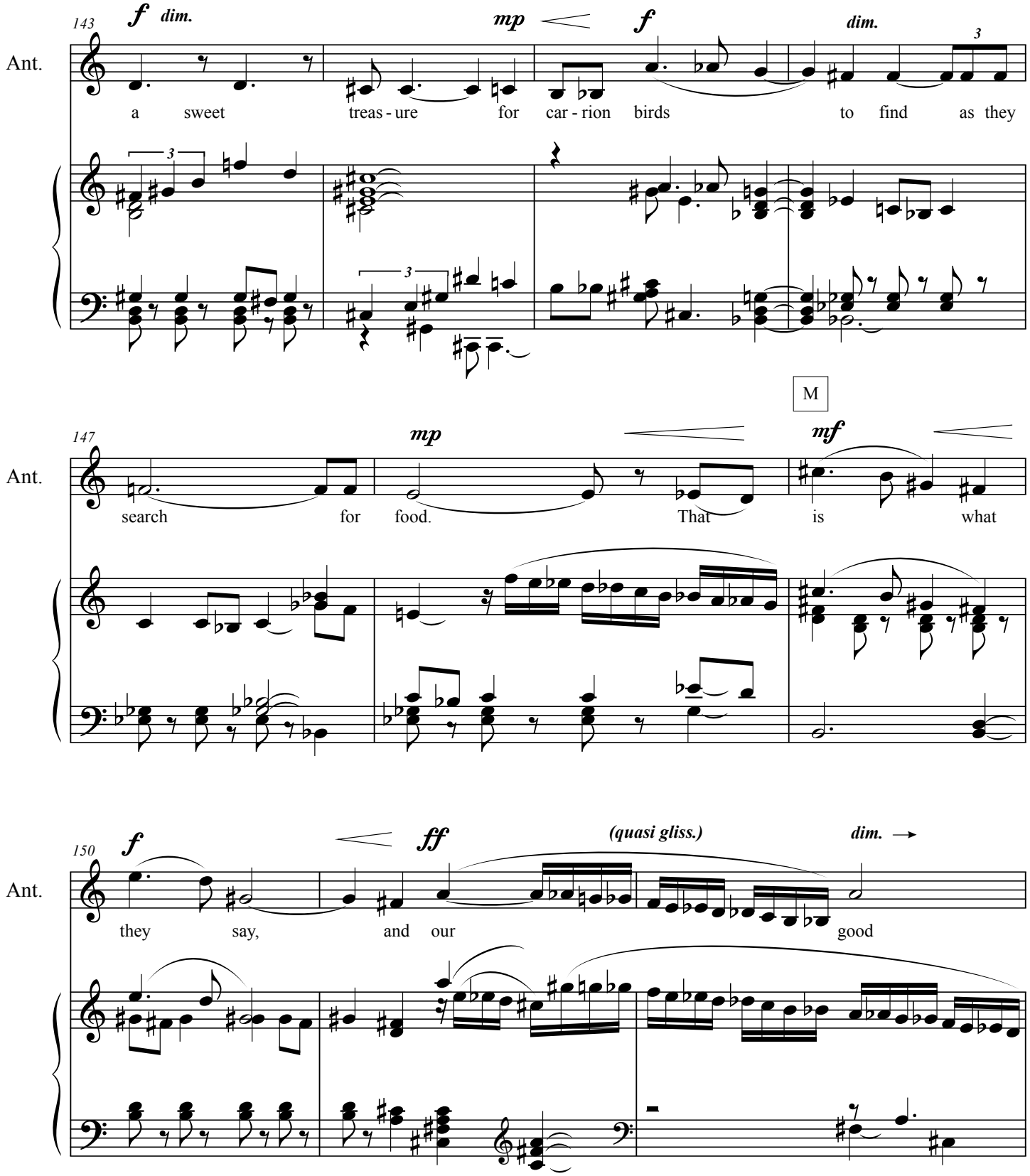

96
98
100
I
102
fff
3
3

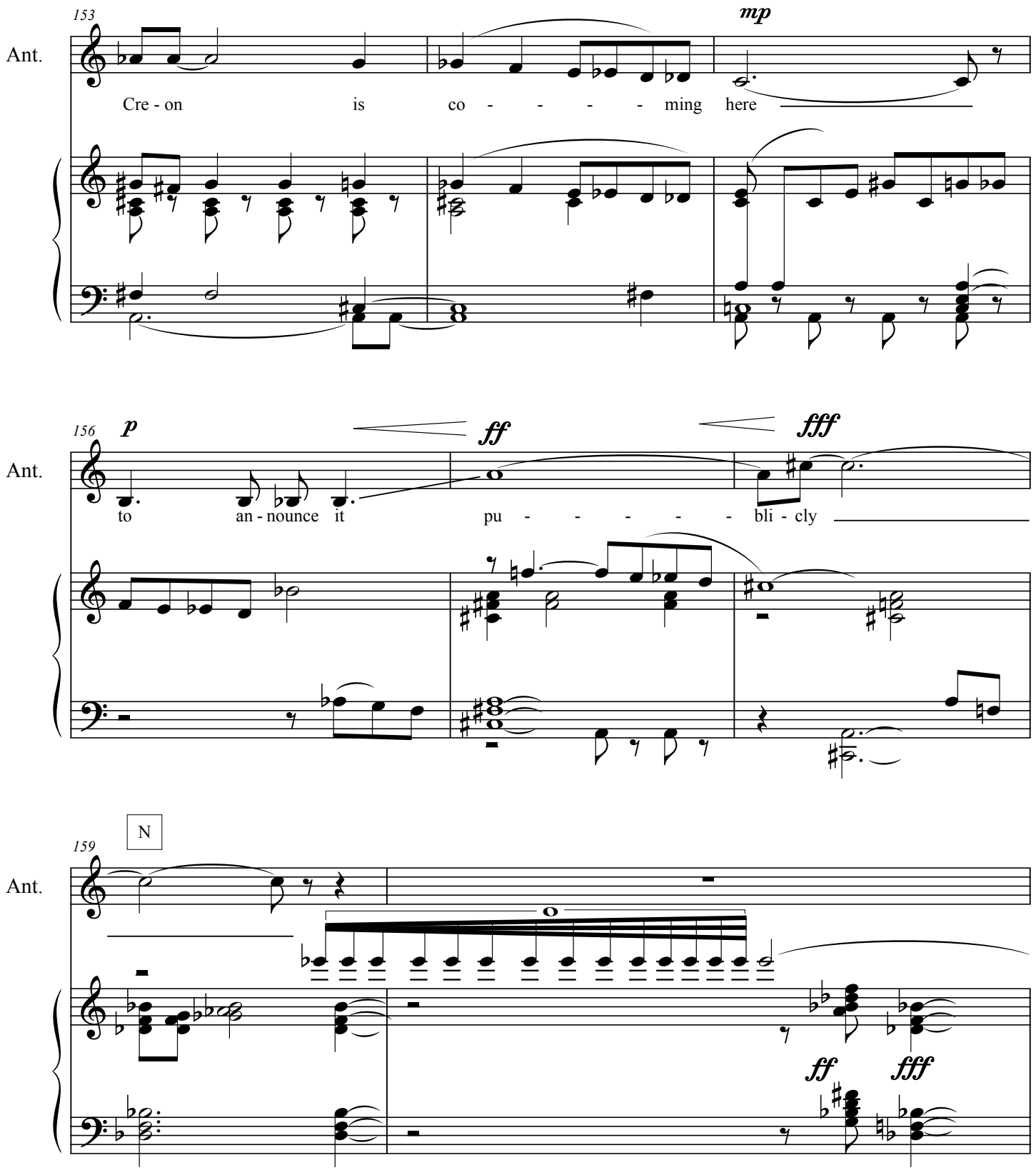

104
IMAGES END
Slow ♩ = ca.80
106
J
mf
Ant.
I thought so. And
mf
Ism.
But be - yond this no - thing.
p
pp
111
f
poco a poco dim.
Ant.
that is why I want - ed you to come out here with me

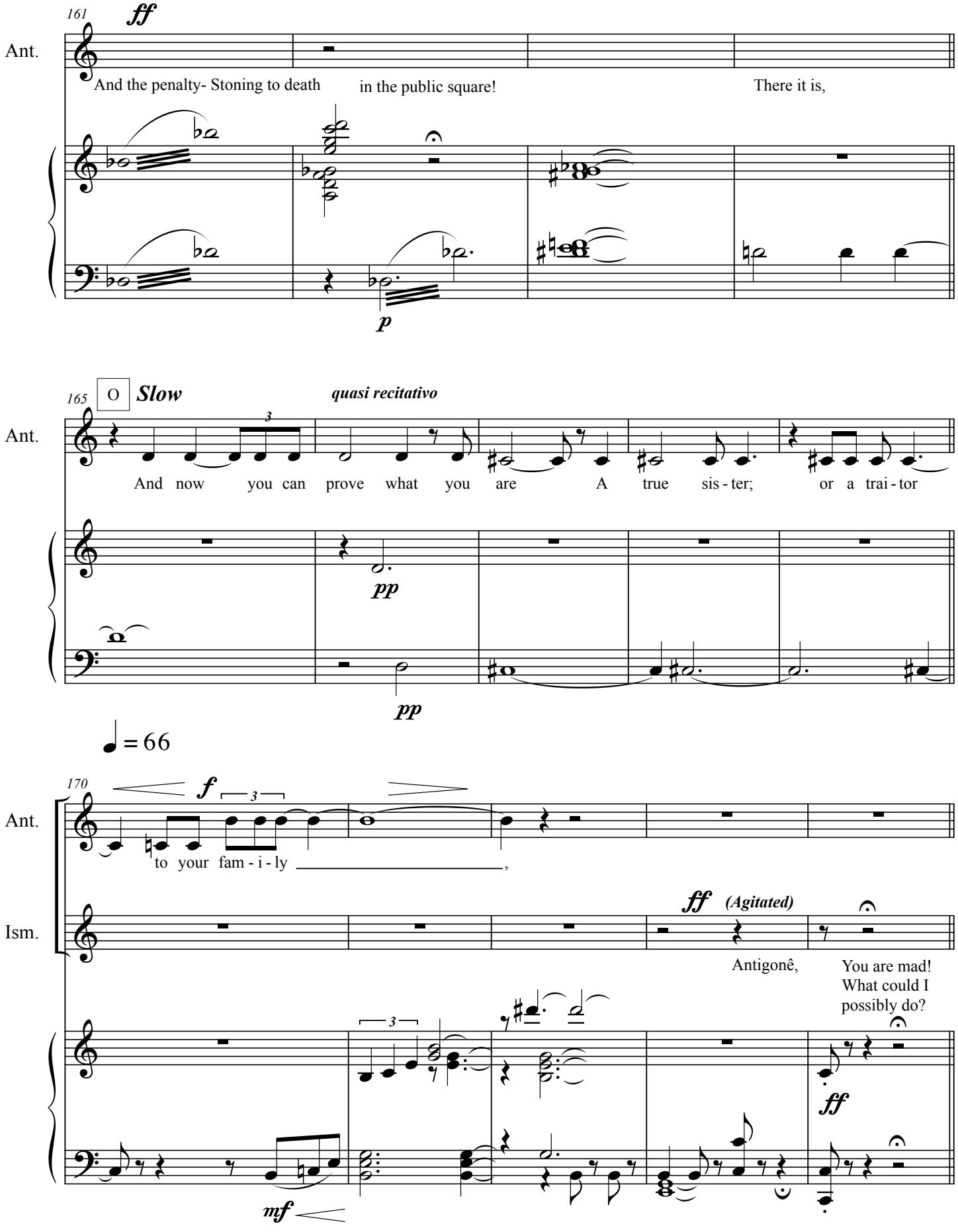

115
mf
dim.
Ant.
There is some - thing we must do.
118
mf
f
dim.
Ism.
Why do you speak so strange - ly?
K
Fast
♩ = 120+
pp
pp
122
mf
Ant.
Lis - ten, Is - me - nê: Cre - on bur - ied our bro - ther E - te - o - clês

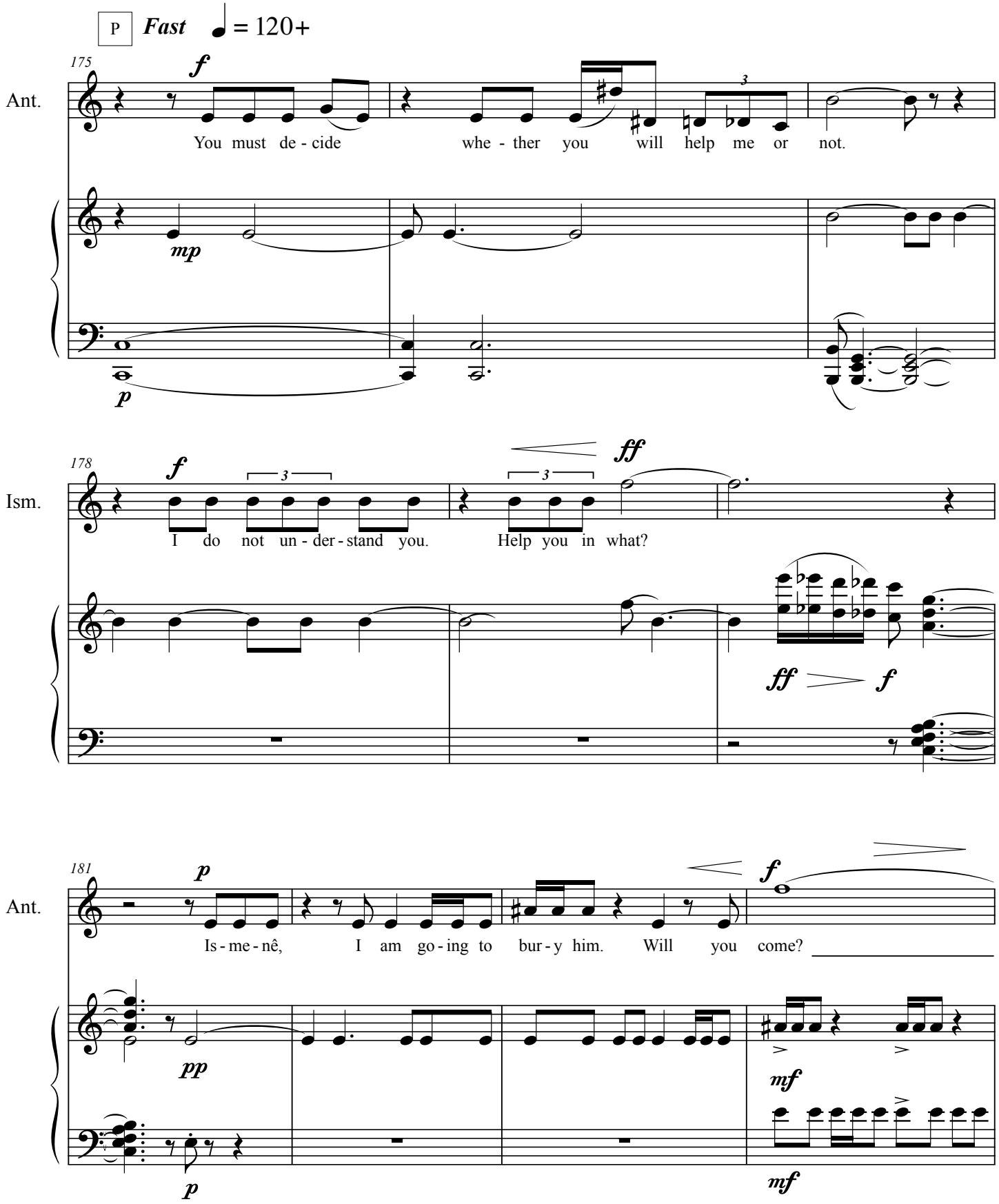

125
Ant.
with mil - i - tar - y hon - ors, gave him a sol - dier's fu - ner - al, and it was right,
128
Ant.
that he should, but Po - ly - nei - cês, who fought as brave - ly and
131
Ant.
ff
died as mis - era - bly, They say that Cre - on has

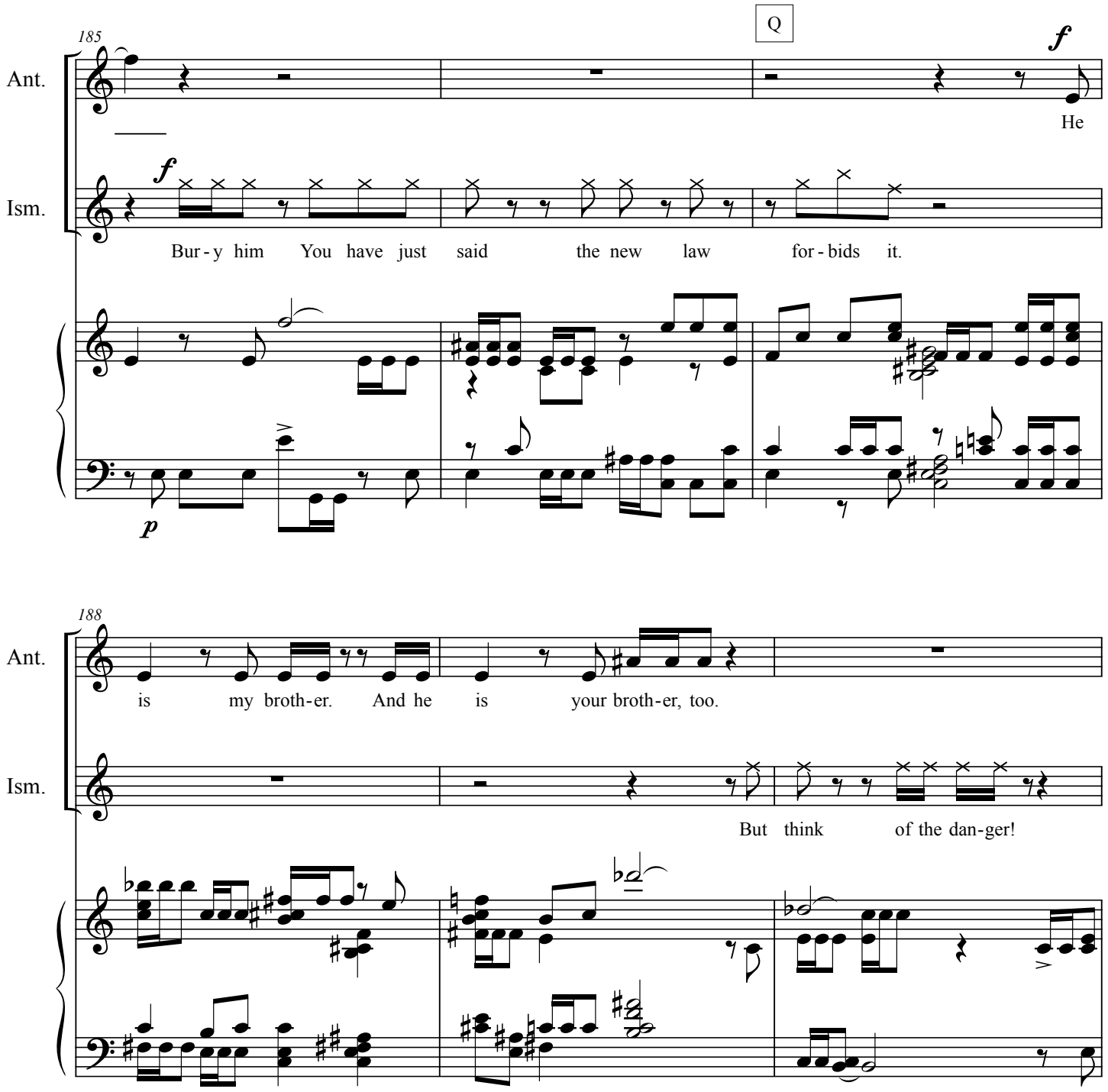

rit.....
L
Slower
♩ = 72
134
Ant.
mf
f
sworn
No one shall bu - ry him,
138
Ant.
ff
(quasi gliss.)
no one
mourn for him
5
140
Ant.
ff
, But his bo - dy must lie in the fields,
5

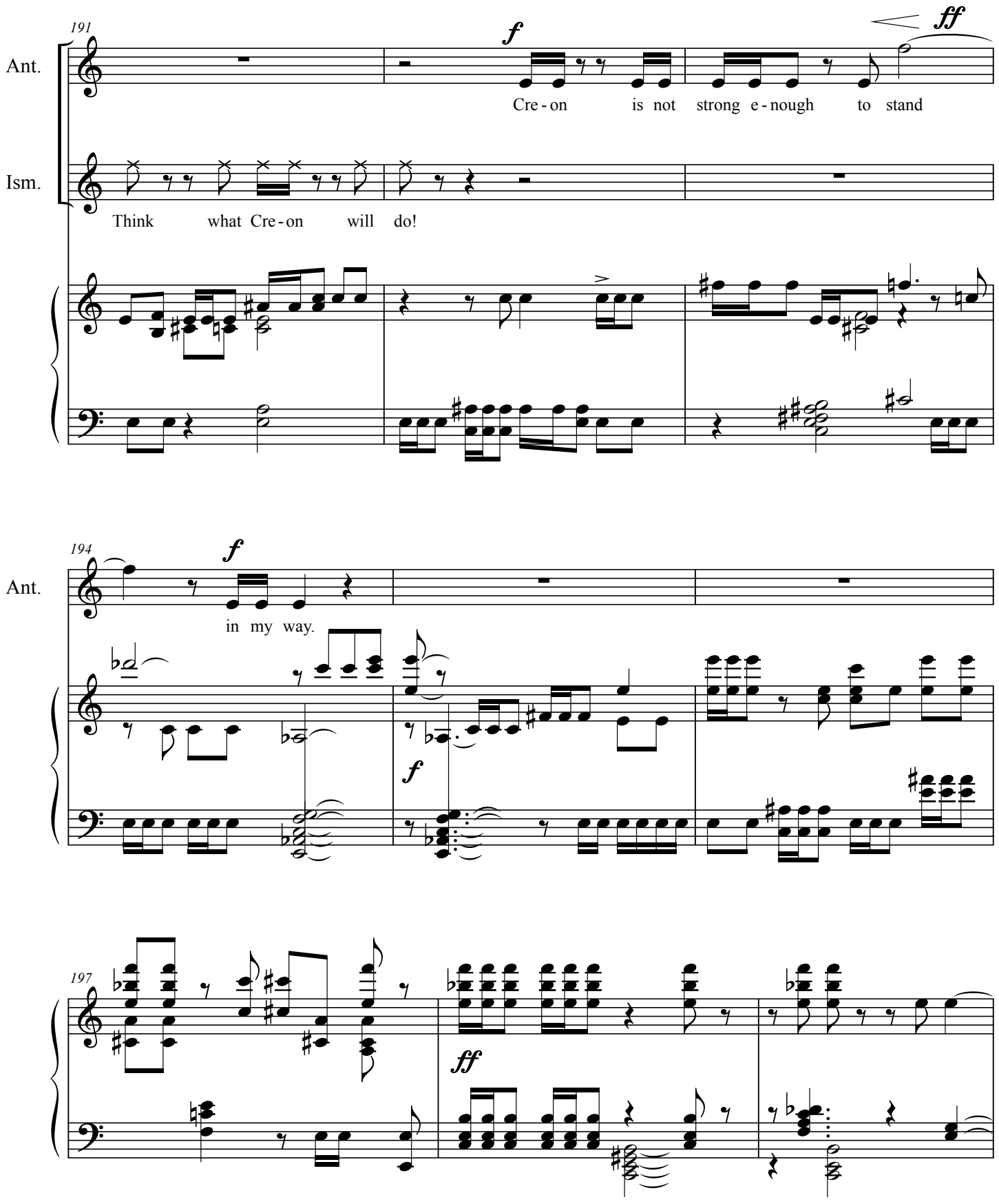

143
f dim.
mp
f
dim.
3
Ant.
a sweet treas - ure for car - rion birds to find as they
3
3
M
147
mp
mf
Ant.
search for food. That is what
150
f
ff
(quasi gliss.)
dim.
Ant.
they say, and our good

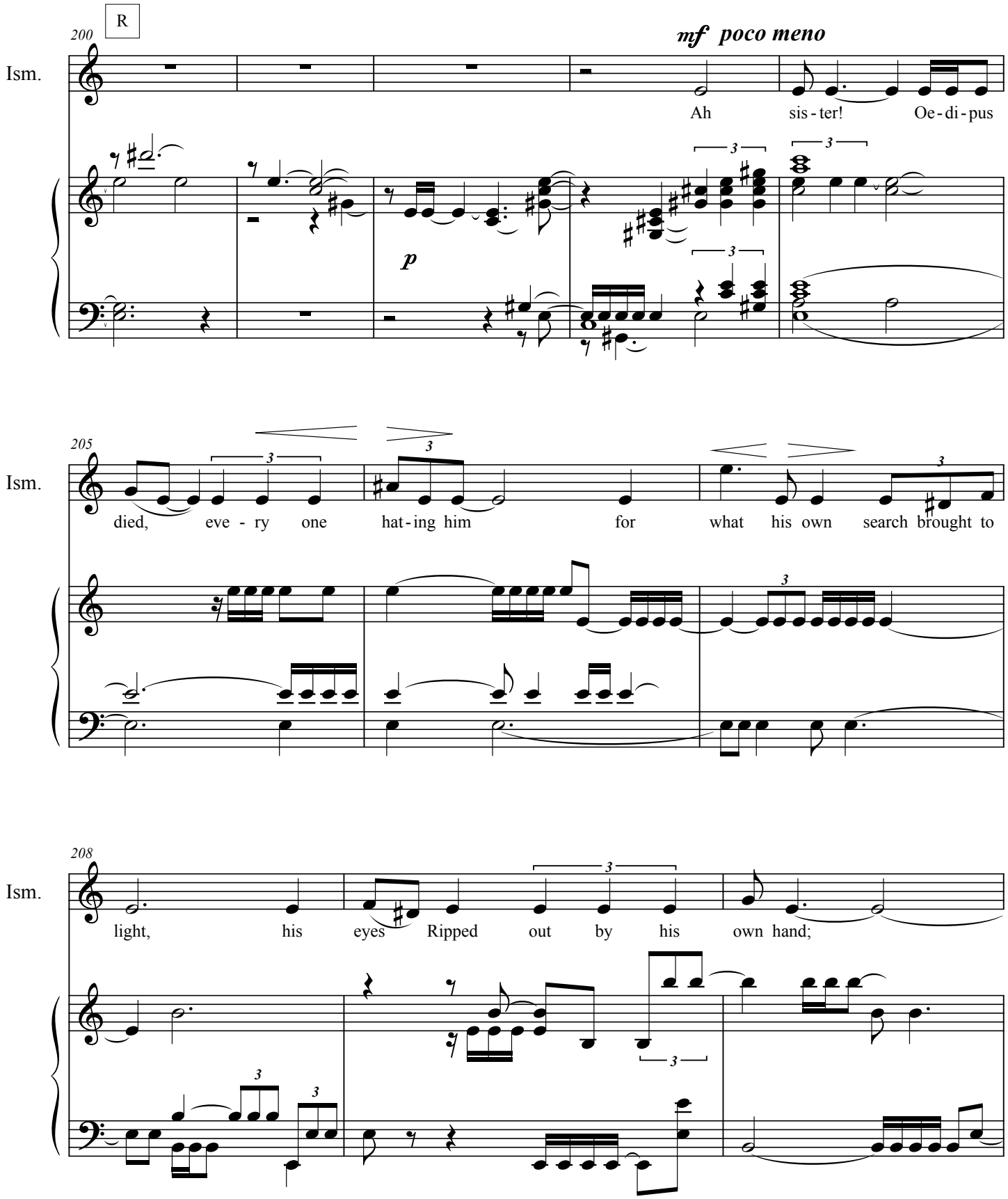

153
Ant.
mp
Cre - on is co - - - - - ming here
156
Ant.
p
ff
fff
to an - nounce it pu - - - - - bli - cly
N
159
Ant.
ff
fff

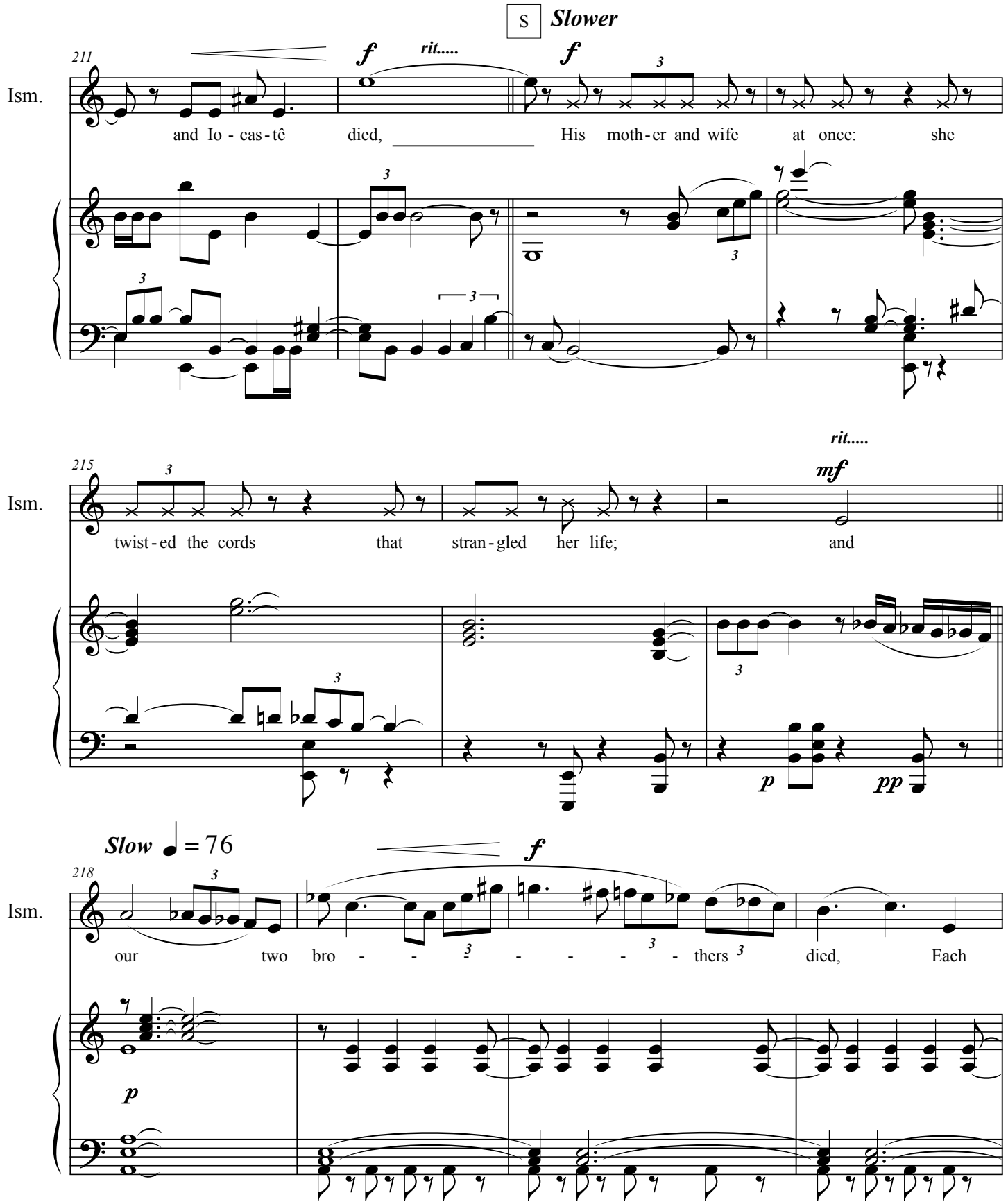

161
ff
Ant.
And the penalty- Stoning to death
in the public square!
There it is,
p
165
O
Slow
quasi recitativo
Ant.
And now you can prove what you are A true sis - ter; or a trai - tor
pp
pp
♩ = 66
170
f
Ant.
to your fam - i - ly ,
Ism.
ff (Agitated)
Antigonê,
You are mad!
What could I possibly do?
ff
mf

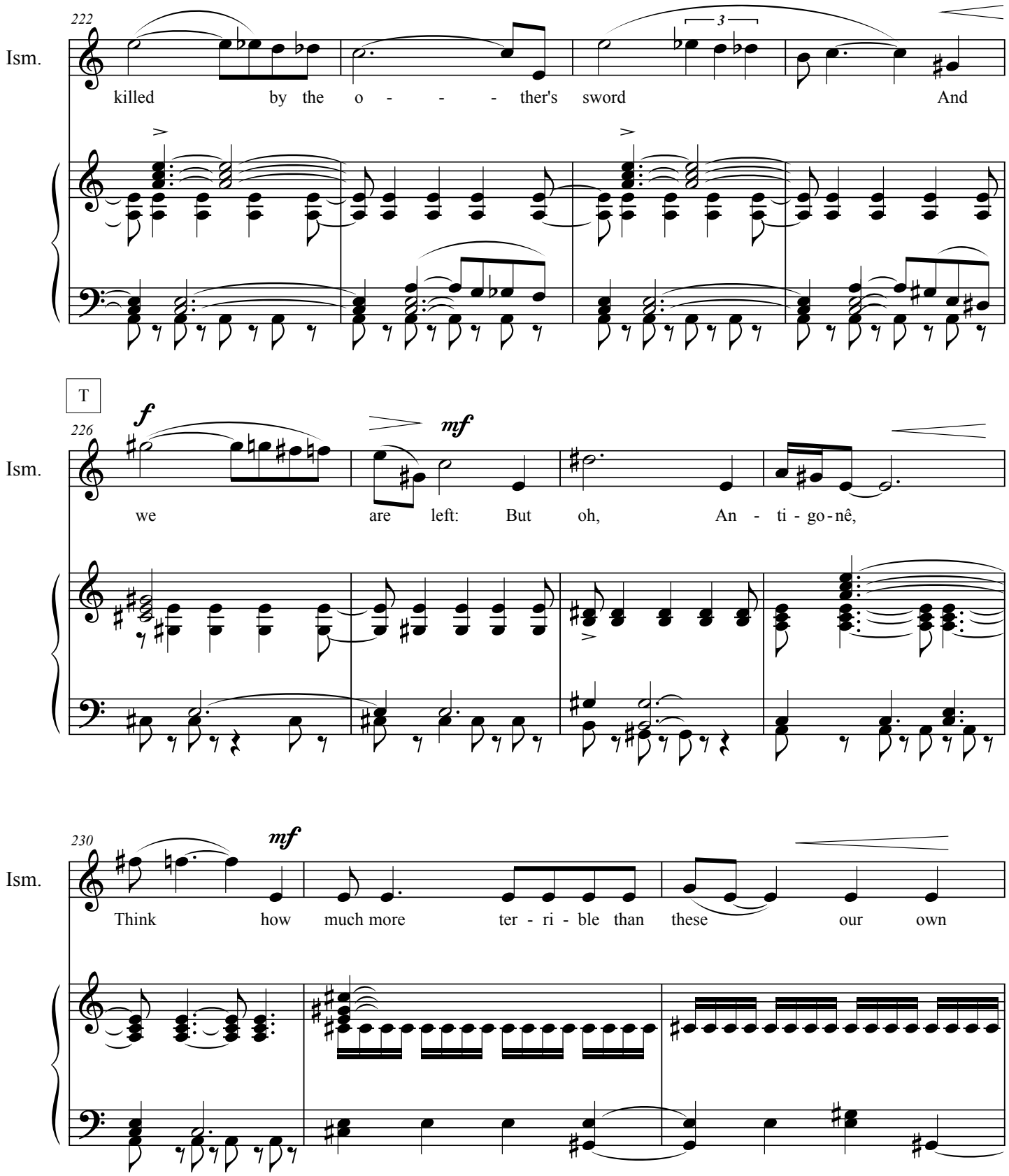

P
Fast
= 120+
175
Ant.
You must de - cide whe - ther you will help me or not.
178
Ism.
I do not un - der - stand you. Help you in what?
181
Ant.
Is - me - nê, I am go - ing to bur - y him. Will you come?

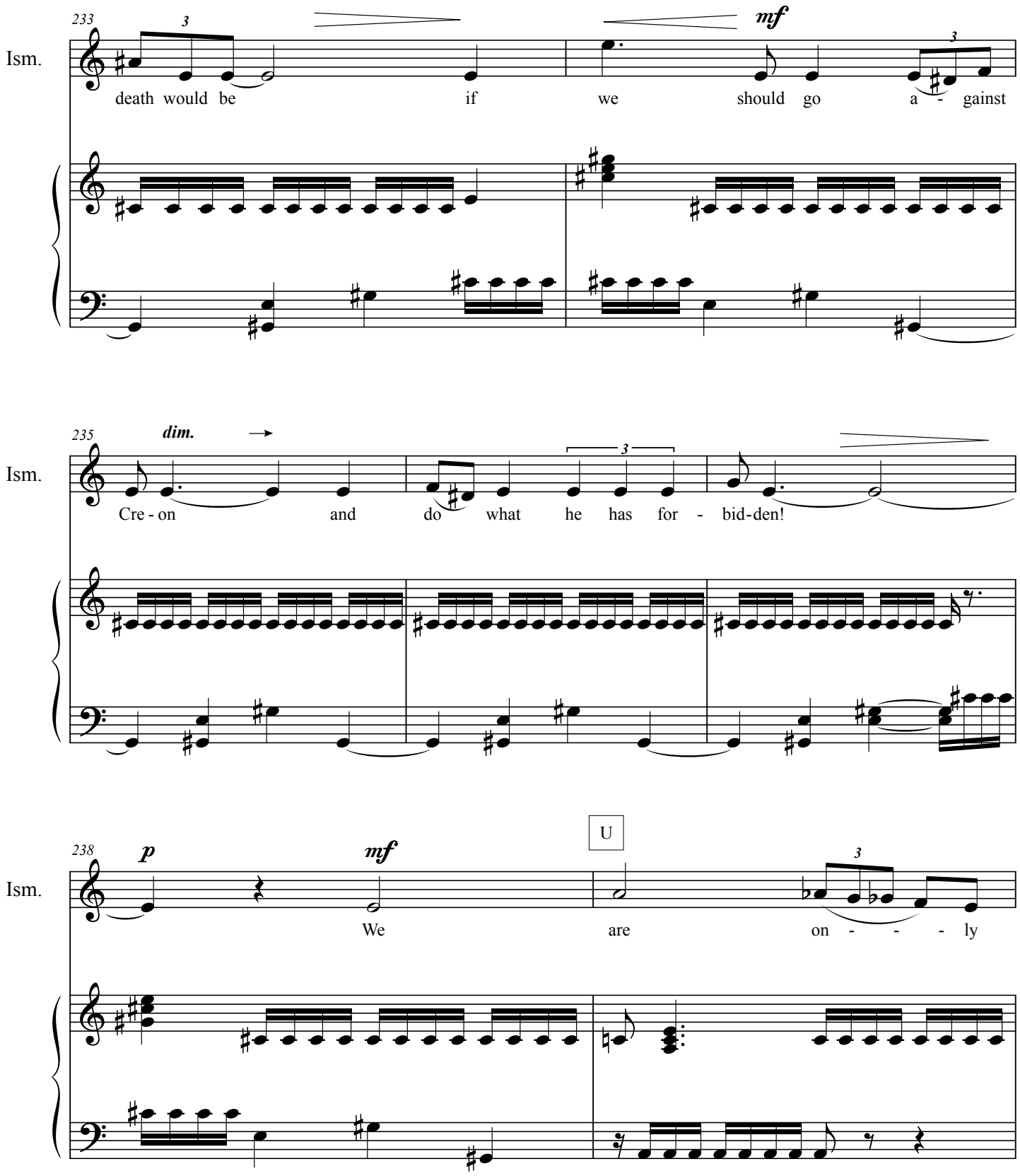

185
Q
Ant.
Ism.
f
He
Bur - y him You have just said the new law for - bids it.
p
188
Ant.
Ism.
is my broth - er. And he is your broth - er, too.
But think of the dan - ger!

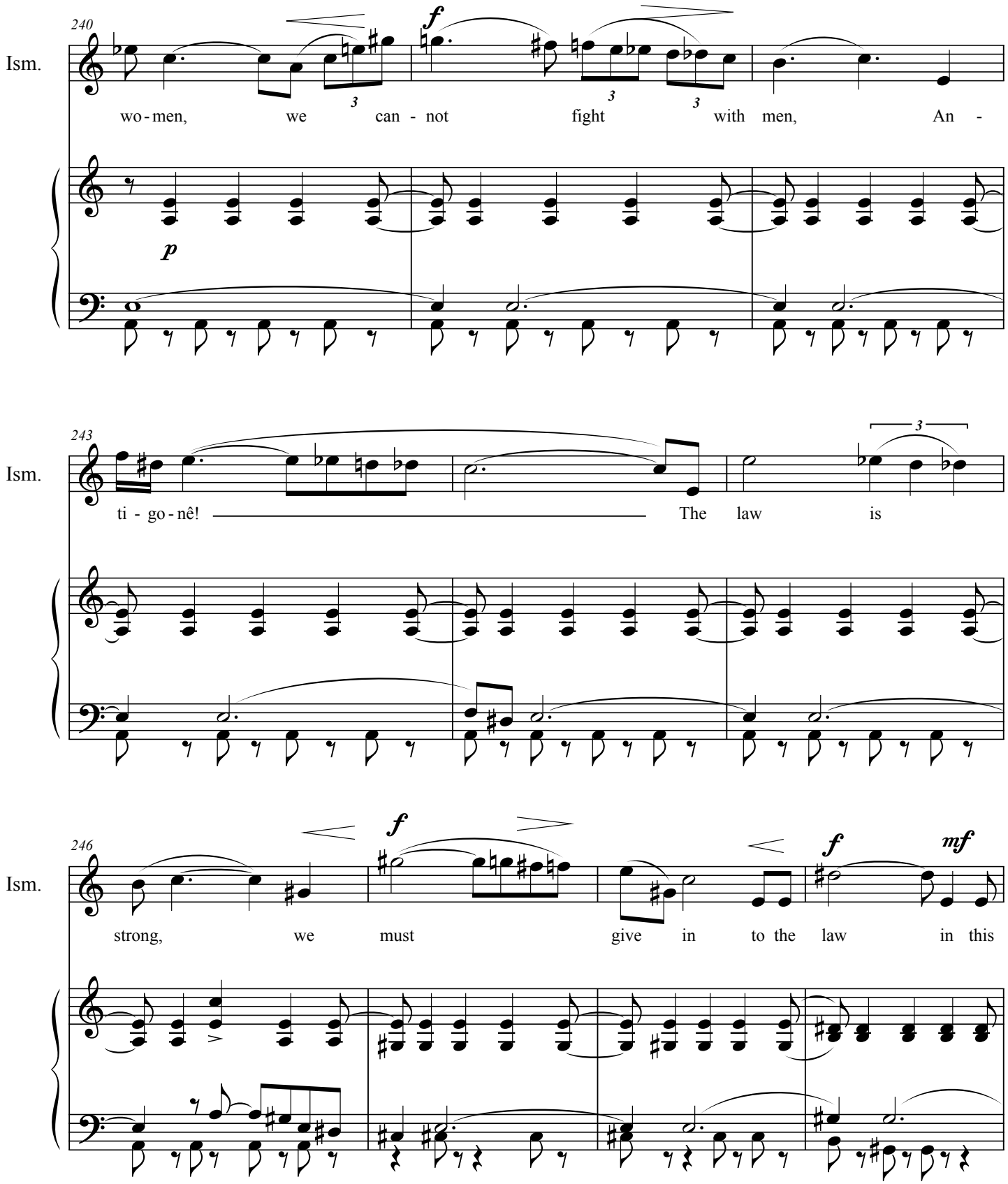

191
Ant.
Ism.
f
ff
Cre - on is not strong e - nough to stand
Think what Cre - on will do!
194
Ant.
f
in my way.
f
197
ff

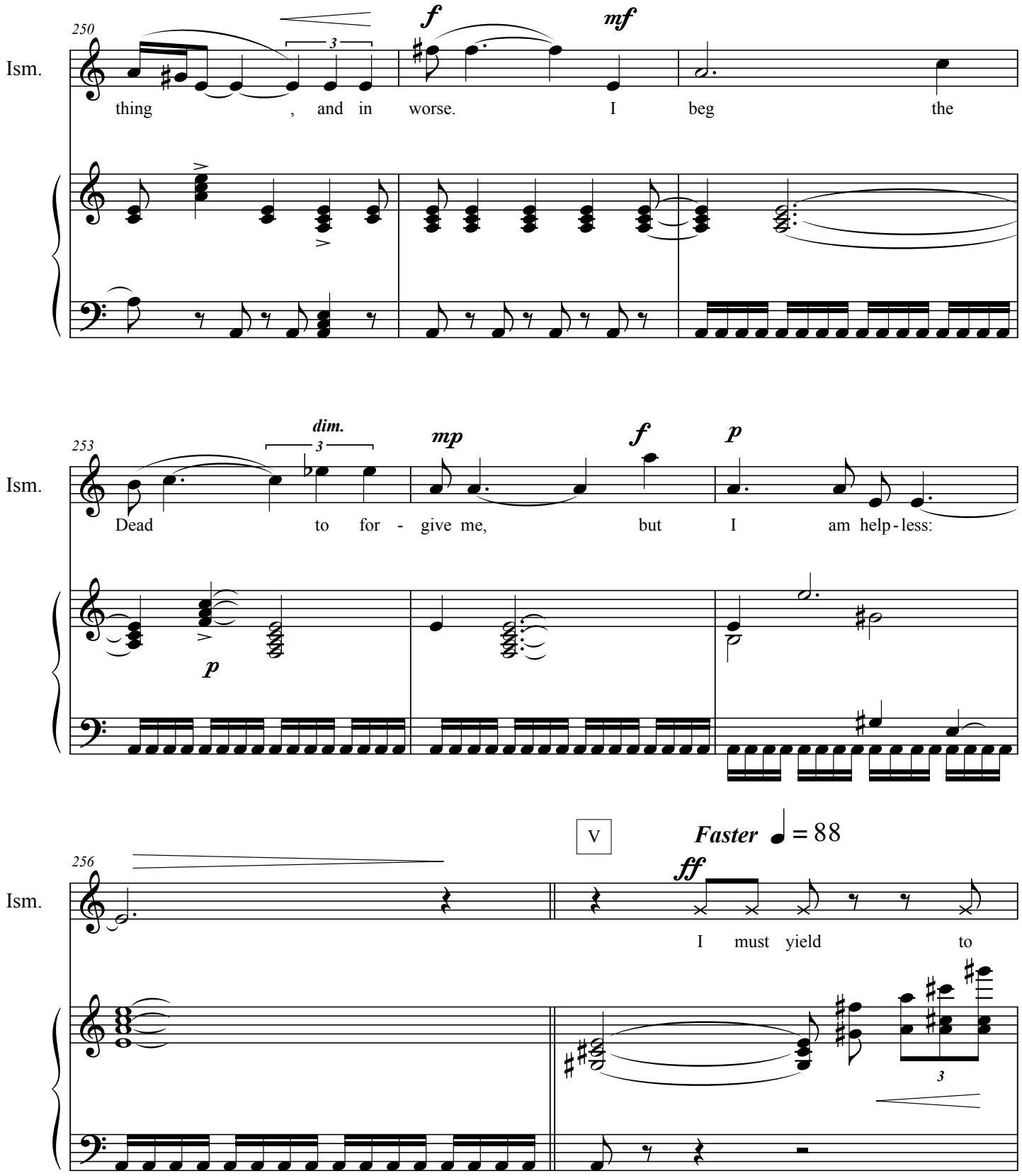

R
200
mf poco meno
Ism.
Ah sis - ter! Oe - di - pus
p
205
Ism.
died, eve - ry one hat - ing him for what his own search brought to
208
Ism.
light, his eyes Ripped out by his own hand;

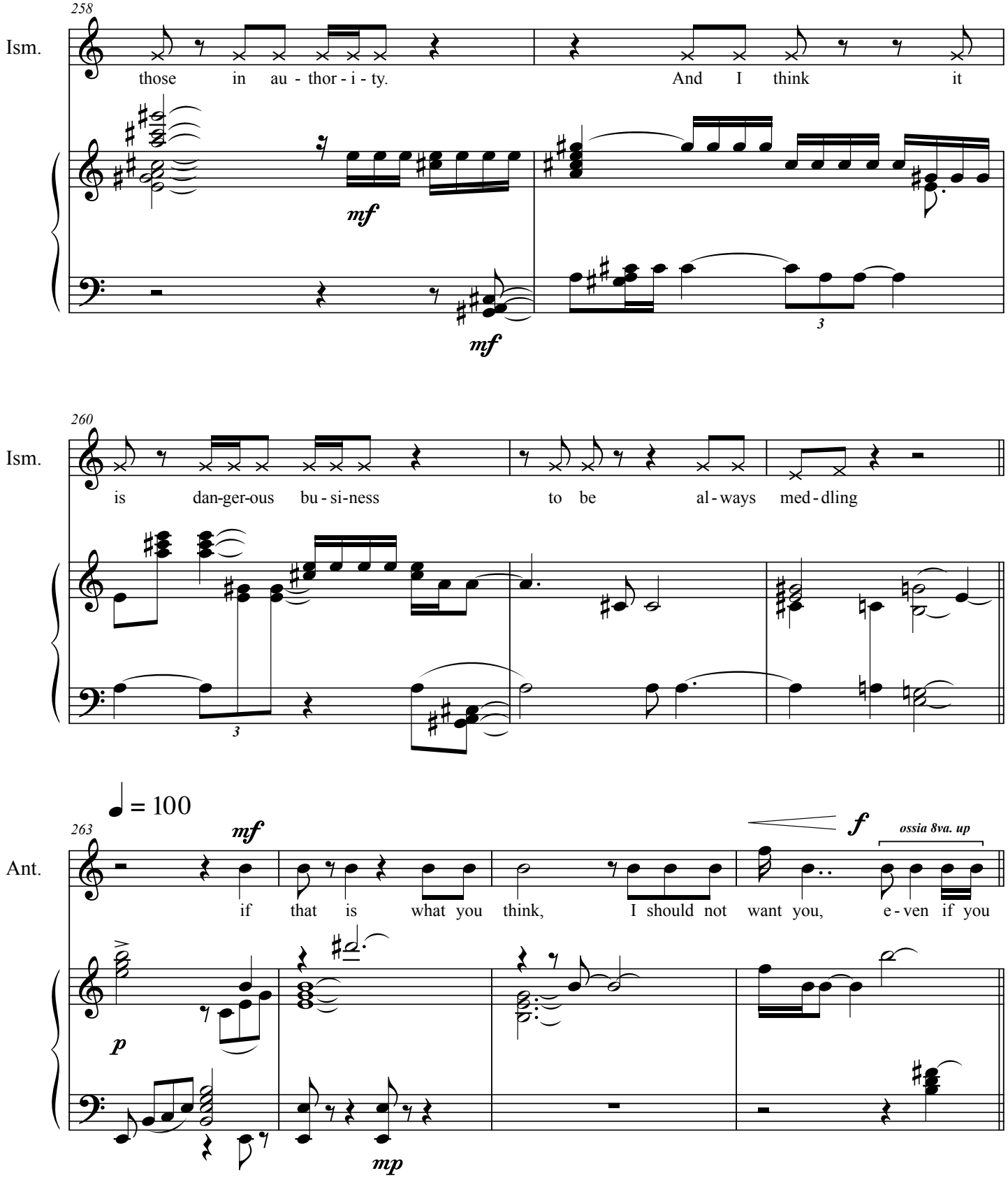

S
Slower
211
Ism.
f
rit.....
f
and Io - cas - tê died, His moth - er and wife at once: she
215
Ism.
rit.....
mf
twist - ed the cords that stran - gled her life; and
p
pp
Slow ♩ = 76
218
Ism.
f
our two bro - - - - - - - thers died, Each
p

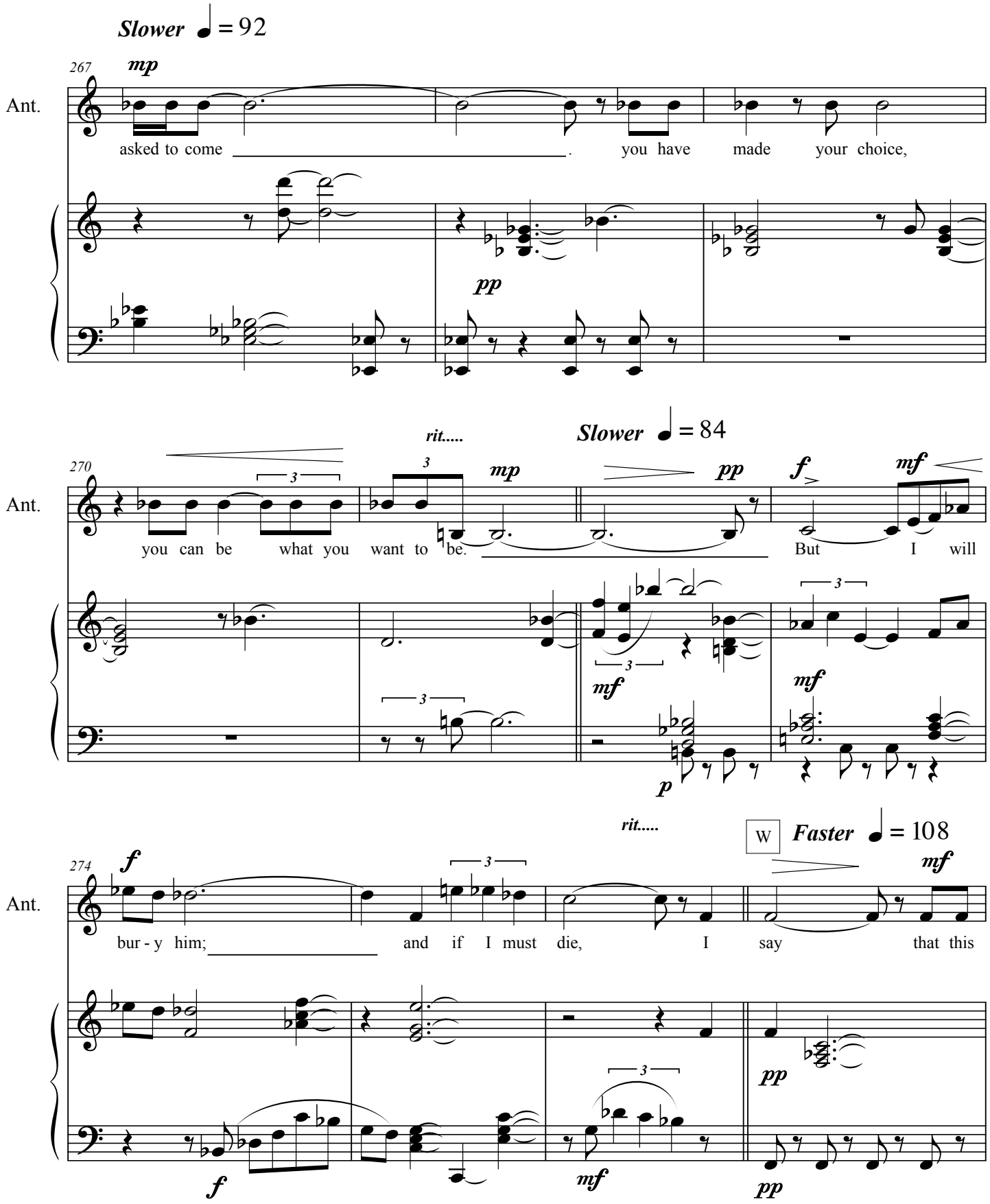

222
Ism.
killed by the o - - - ther's sword And
3
T
f
226
Ism.
we are left: But oh, An - ti - go - nê,
mf
230
Ism.
Think how much more ter - ri - ble than these our own
mf

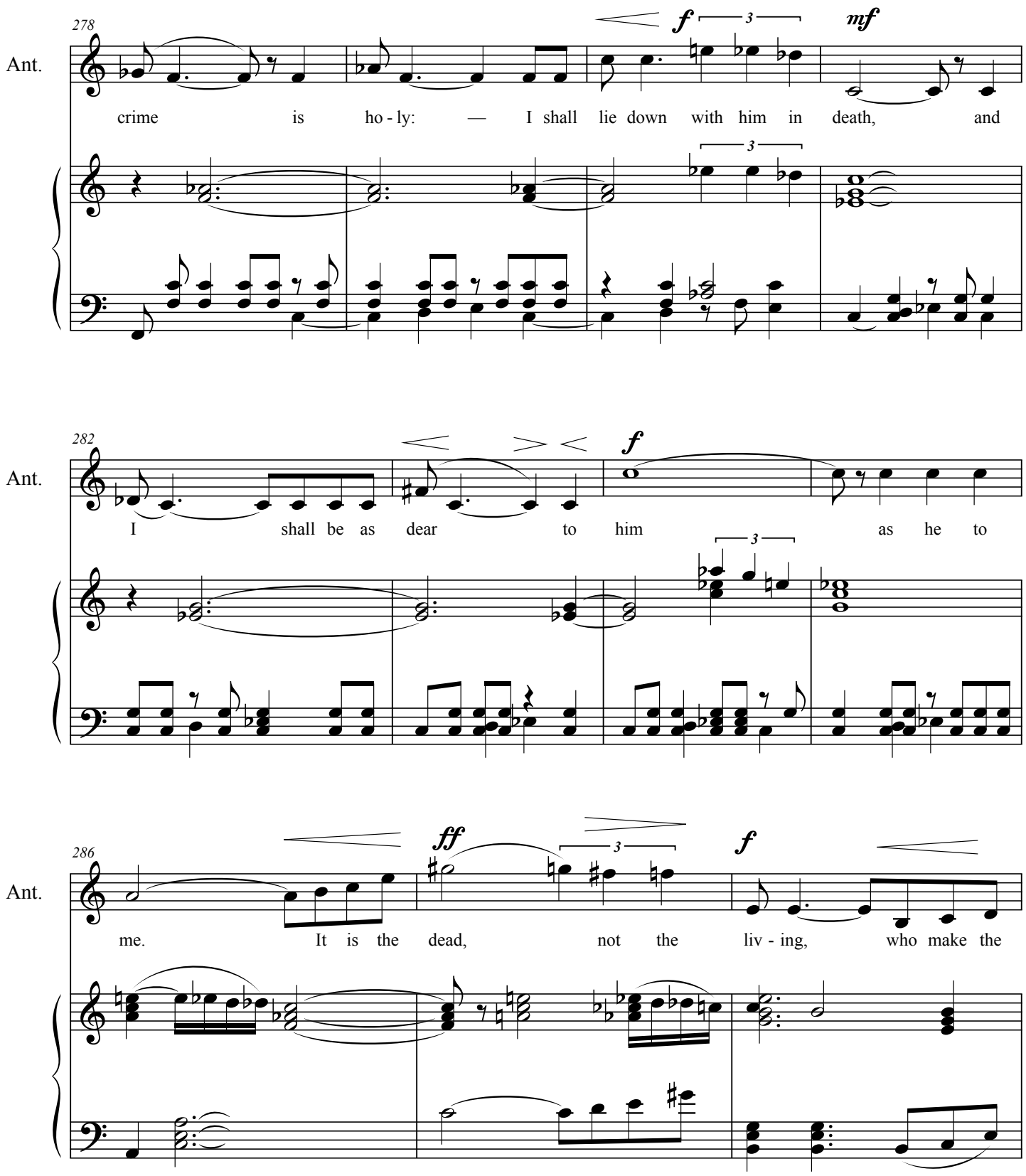

233
Ism.
3
mf
3
death would be if we should go a - gainst
235
dim.
Ism.
3
Cre - on and do what he has for - bid-den!
238
p
mf
U
Ism.
3
We are on - - - ly

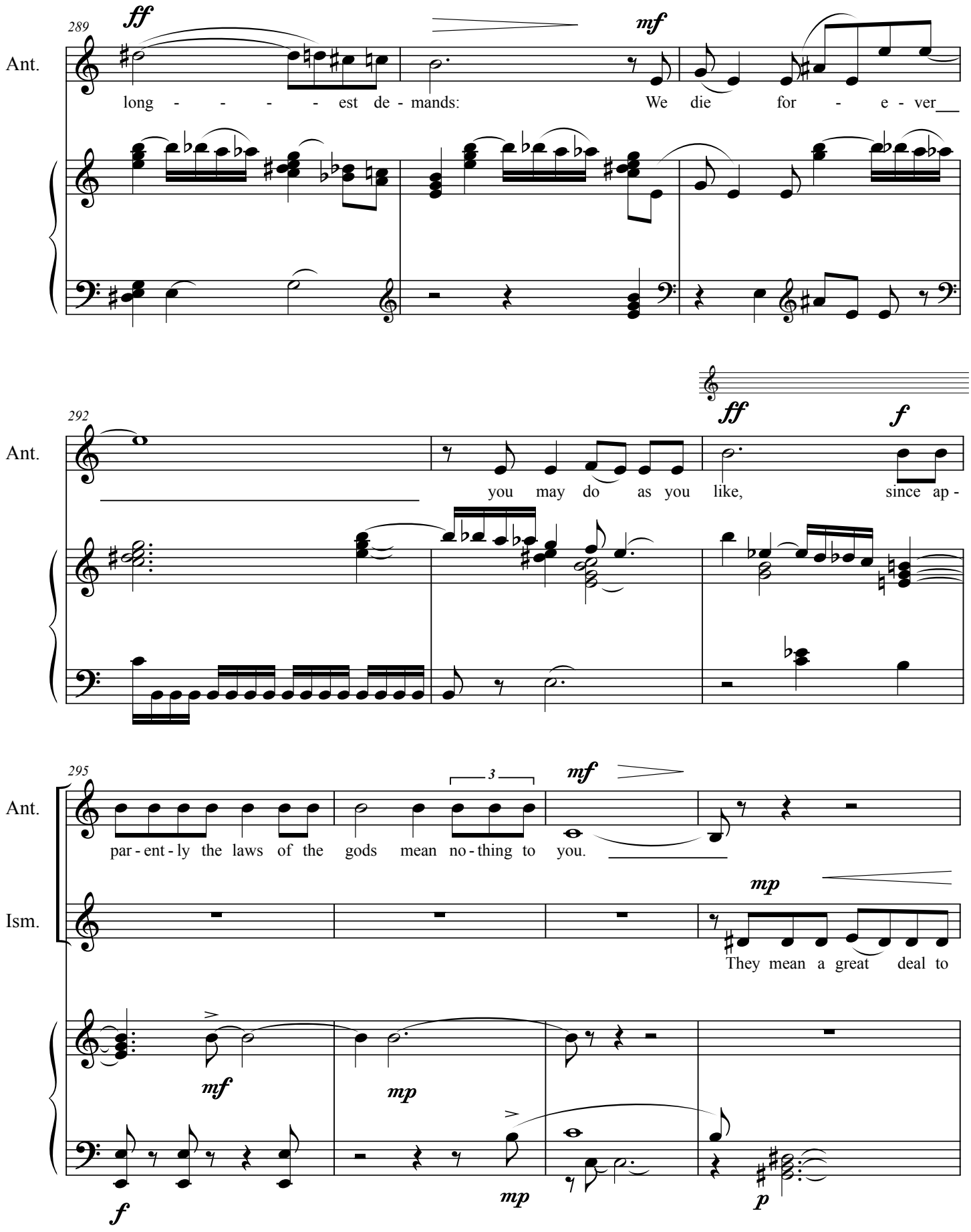

240
Ism.
f
wo - men, we can - not fight with men, An -
p
243
Ism.
3
ti - go - nê! The law is
246
Ism.
f
f
mf
strong, we must give in to the law in this

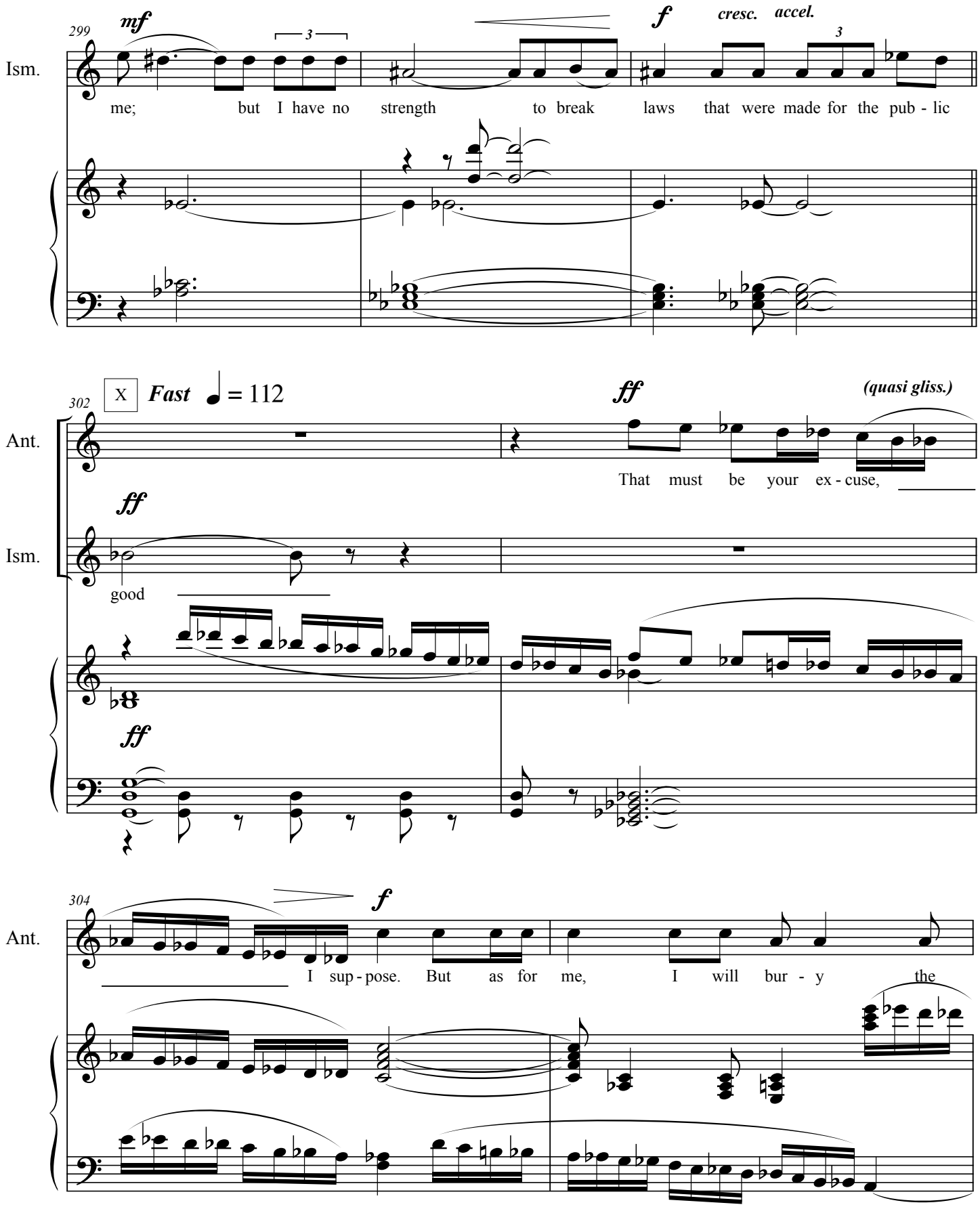

250
Ism.
f
mf
3
thing , and in worse. I beg the
253
Ism.
dim.
3
mp
f
p
Dead to for - give me, but I am help - less:
p
256
Ism.
V
Faster ♩ = 88
ff
I must yield to
3

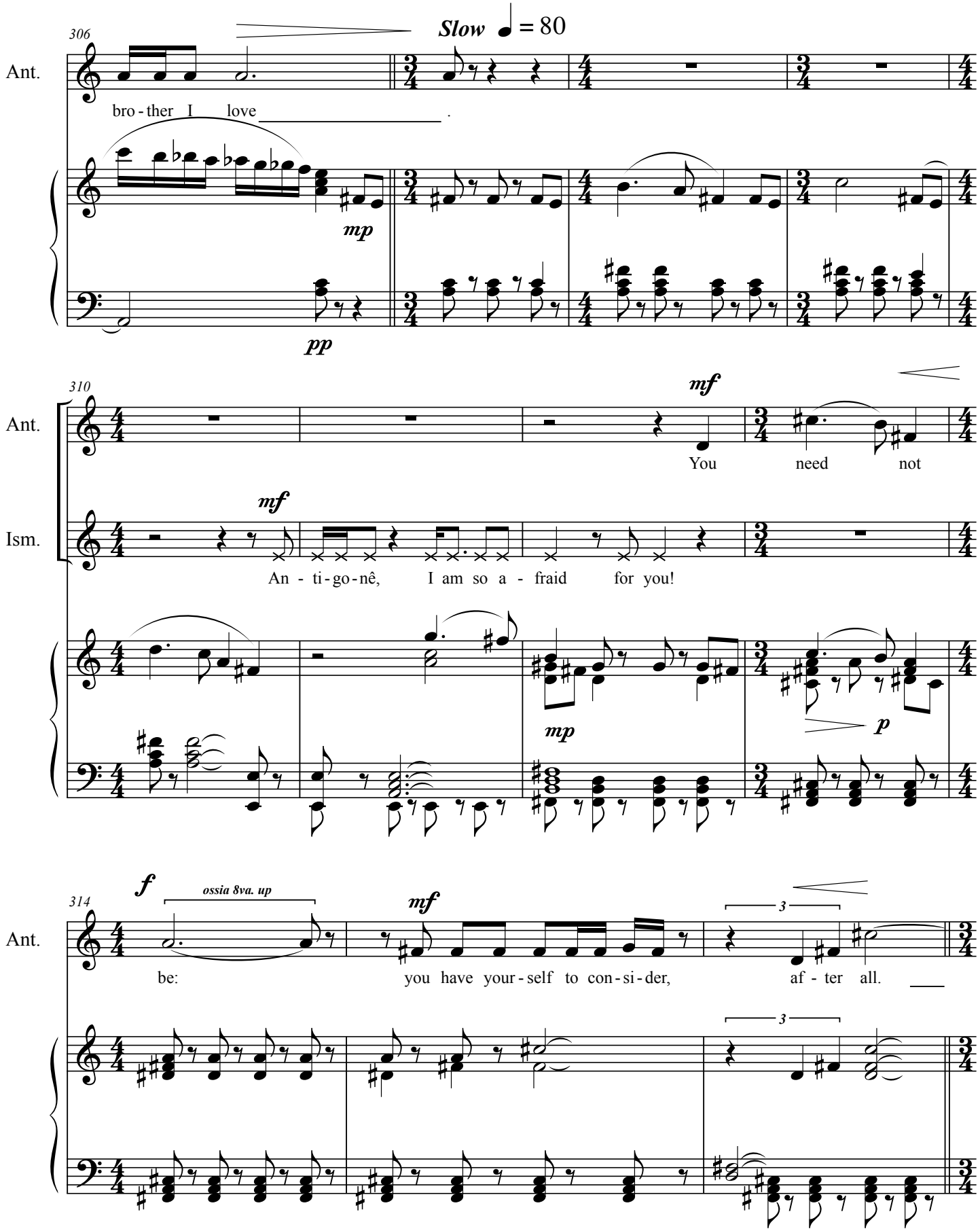

258
Ism.
those in au - thor - i - ty.
And I think it
mf
mf
3
260
Ism.
is dan-ger-ous bu - si-ness
to be al - ways med - dling
3
♩ = 100
263
Ant.
mf
f
ossia 8va. up
if that is what you think,
I should not want you,
e - ven if you
p
mp


Slower ♩ = 92
267
mp
Ant.
asked to come . you have made your choice,
pp
rit.....
Slower ♩ = 84
270
mp
pp
f
mf
you can be what you want to be. But I will
mf
mf
p
rit.....
W
Faster ♩ = 108
274
f
mf
Ant.
bur - y him; and if I must die, I say that this
f
mf
pp
pp


278
Ant.
f
3
mf
crime is ho - ly: — I shall lie down with him in death, and
282
Ant.
f
I shall be as dear to him as he to
286
Ant.
ff
3
f
me. It is the dead, not the liv - ing, who make the


289
ff
mf
Ant.
long - - - - est de - mands:
We die for - e - ver
292
ff
f
Ant.
you may do as you like,
since ap -
295
3
mf
Ant.
par - ent - ly the laws of the gods mean no - thing to you.
Ism.
mp
They mean a great deal to
mf
mp
mp
f
p


299
mf
3
f
cresc. accel.
3
Ism.
me; but I have no strength to break laws that were made for the pub - lic
302
X
Fast ♩ = 112
ff
(quasi gliss.)
Ant.
That must be your ex - cuse,
ff
Ism.
good
ff
304
f
Ant.
I sup - pose. But as for me, I will bur - y the


306
Slow ♩ = 80
Ant.
bro - ther I love
mp
pp
310
Ant.
mf
You need not
Ism.
mf
An - ti - go - nê, I am so a - fraid for you!
mp
p
314
Ant.
f
ossia 8va. up
be:
mf
you have your - self to con - si - der,
3
af - ter all.
3

Y ***Slow*** ♩ = ca.56

317

Ant.

Ism. ***mp*** 3

But no one must hear of this, You must

mp

319

Ism. 3 3 3

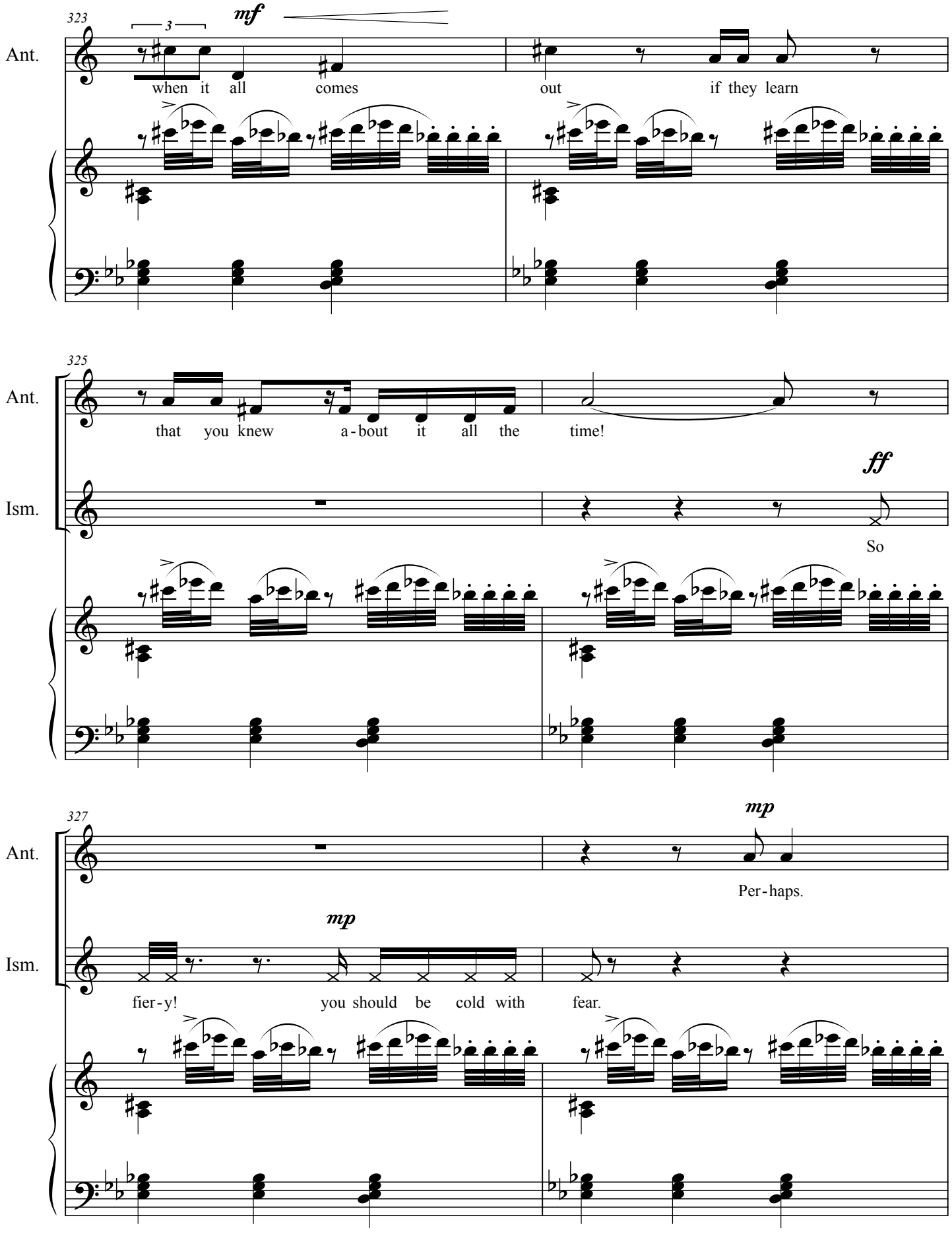
tell no one! I will keep it a se - cret, I prom - ise!

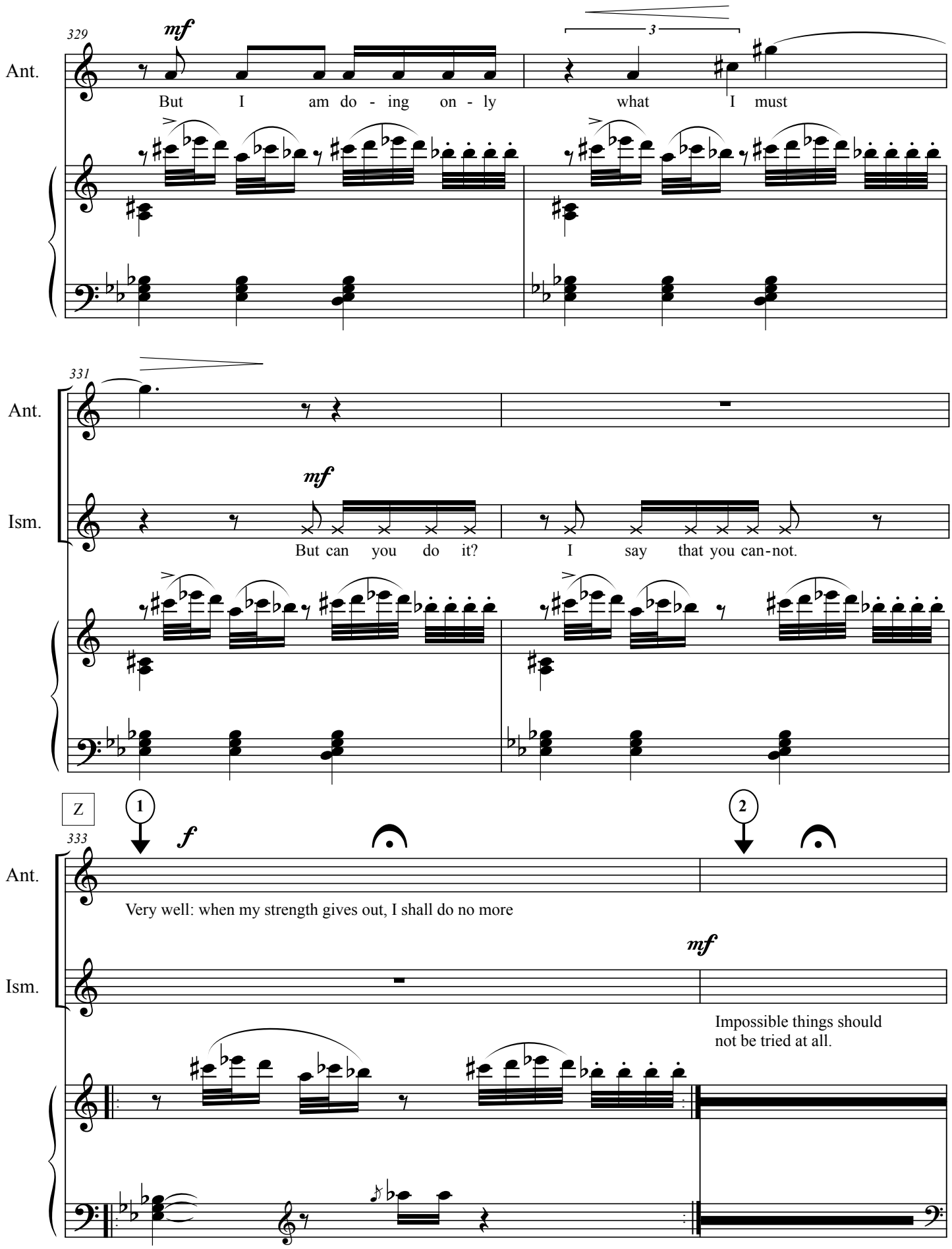
321

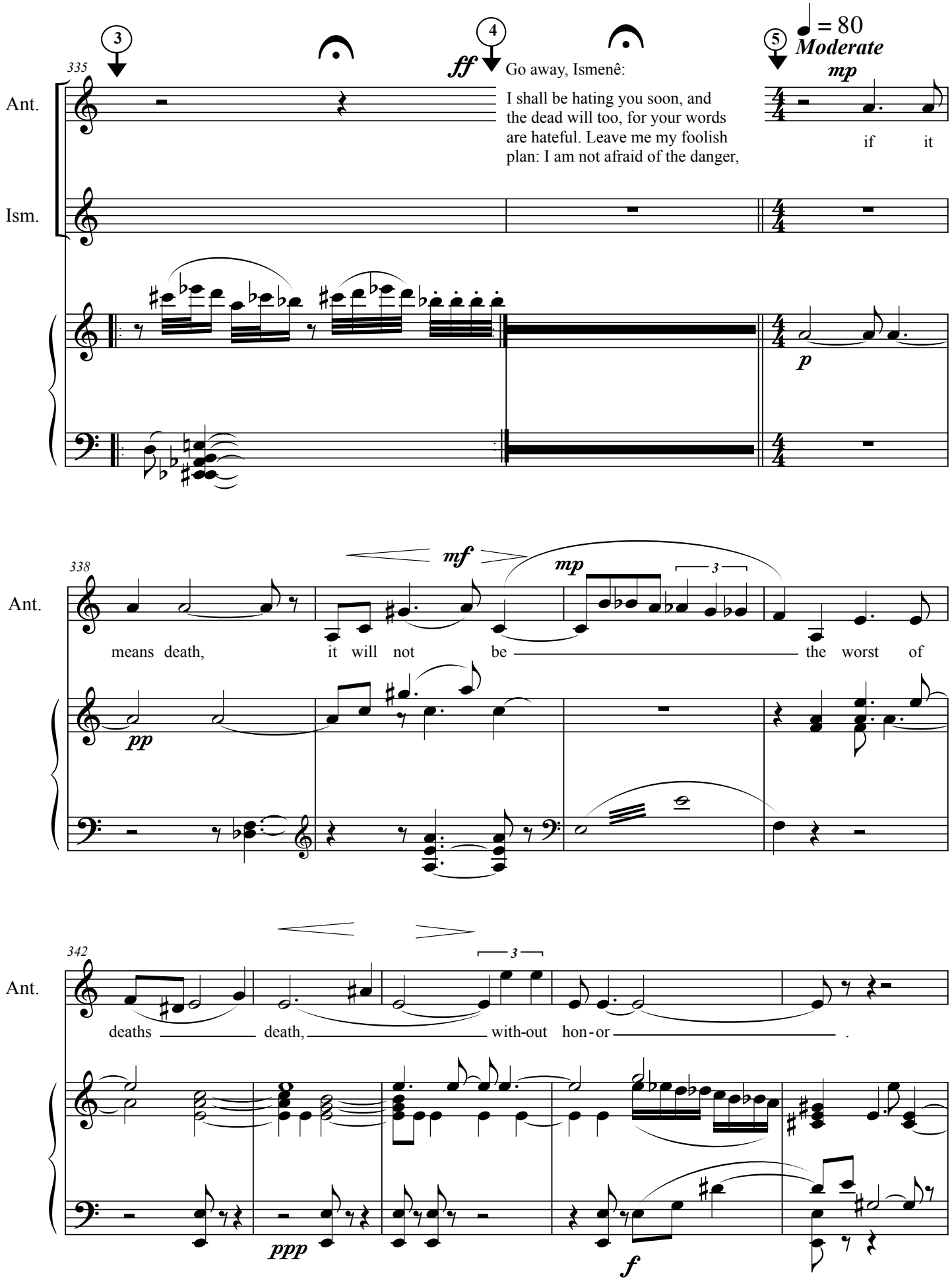
f

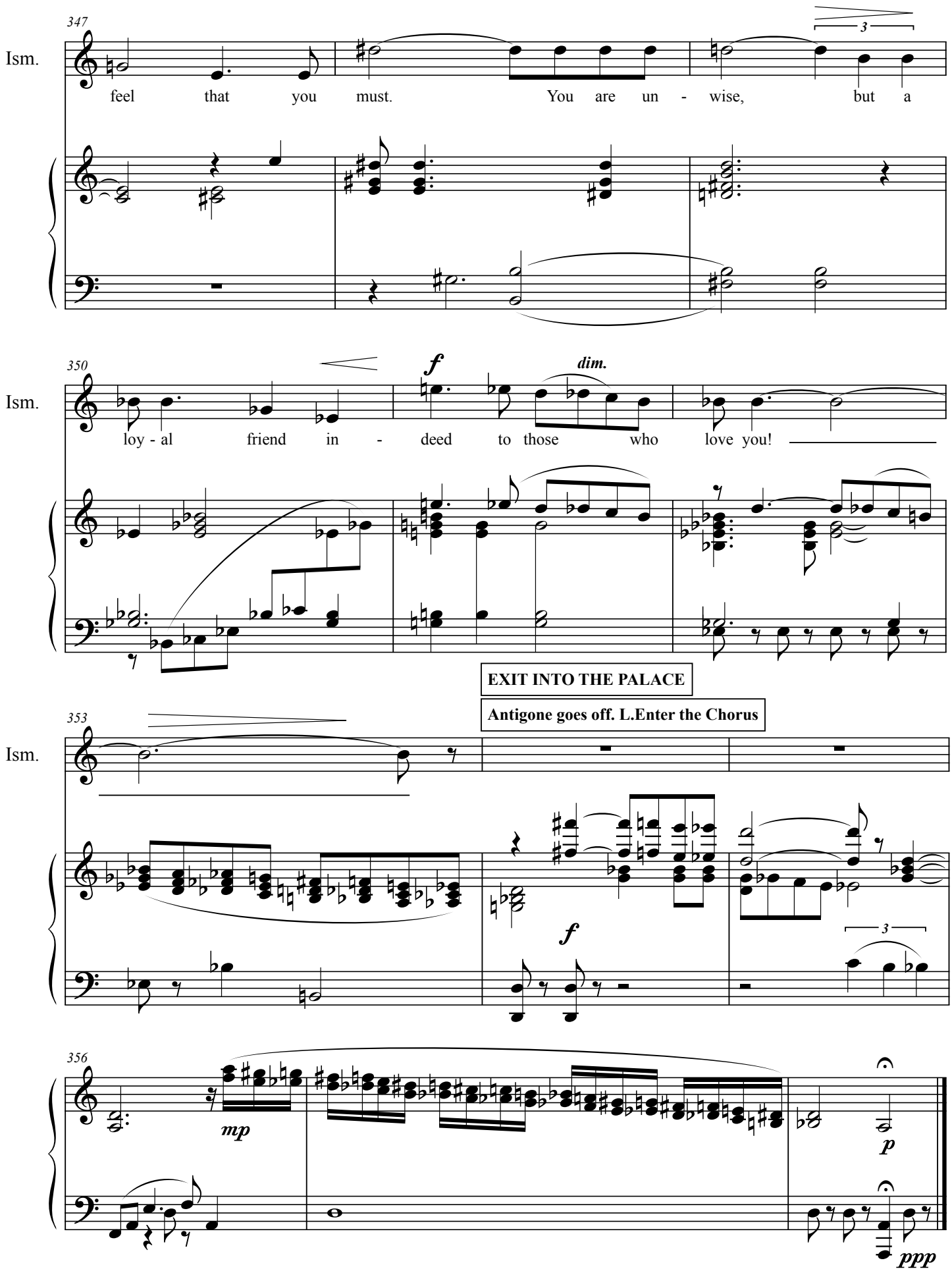
Ant.

Oh tell it! Tell e-very-one! Think how they'll hate you


323
3
mf
Ant.
when it all comes out if they learn
325
Ant.
that you knew a-bout it all the time!
ff
Ism.
So
327
mp
Ant.
Per-haps.
mp
Ism.
fier-y! you should be cold with fear.


329
mf
3
Ant.
But I am do - ing on - ly what I must
331
Ant.
mf
Ism.
But can you do it? I say that you can-not.
Z
1
2
333
f
Ant.
Very well: when my strength gives out, I shall do no more
mf
Ism.
Impossible things should
not be tried at all.


335
Ant.
Ism.
3
4
5
ff
Go away, Ismenê:
I shall be hating you soon, and the dead will too, for your words are hateful. Leave me my foolish plan: I am not afraid of the danger,
= 80
Moderate
mp
if it
p
338
Ant.
mf
mp
3
means death, it will not be the worst of
pp
342
Ant.
3
deaths death, with-out hon-or .
ppp
f


347
Ism.
feel that you must. You are un - wise, but a
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350
Ism.
loy - al friend in - deed to those who love you!
f
dim.
EXIT INTO THE PALACE
Antigone goes off. L.Enter the Chorus
353
Ism.
f
3
356
mp
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